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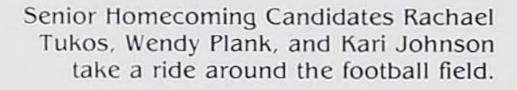
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"All hail King Eldridge!" Seniors Doug Klute, Tom Lode, and Ryan Pesce sport their awesome togas.

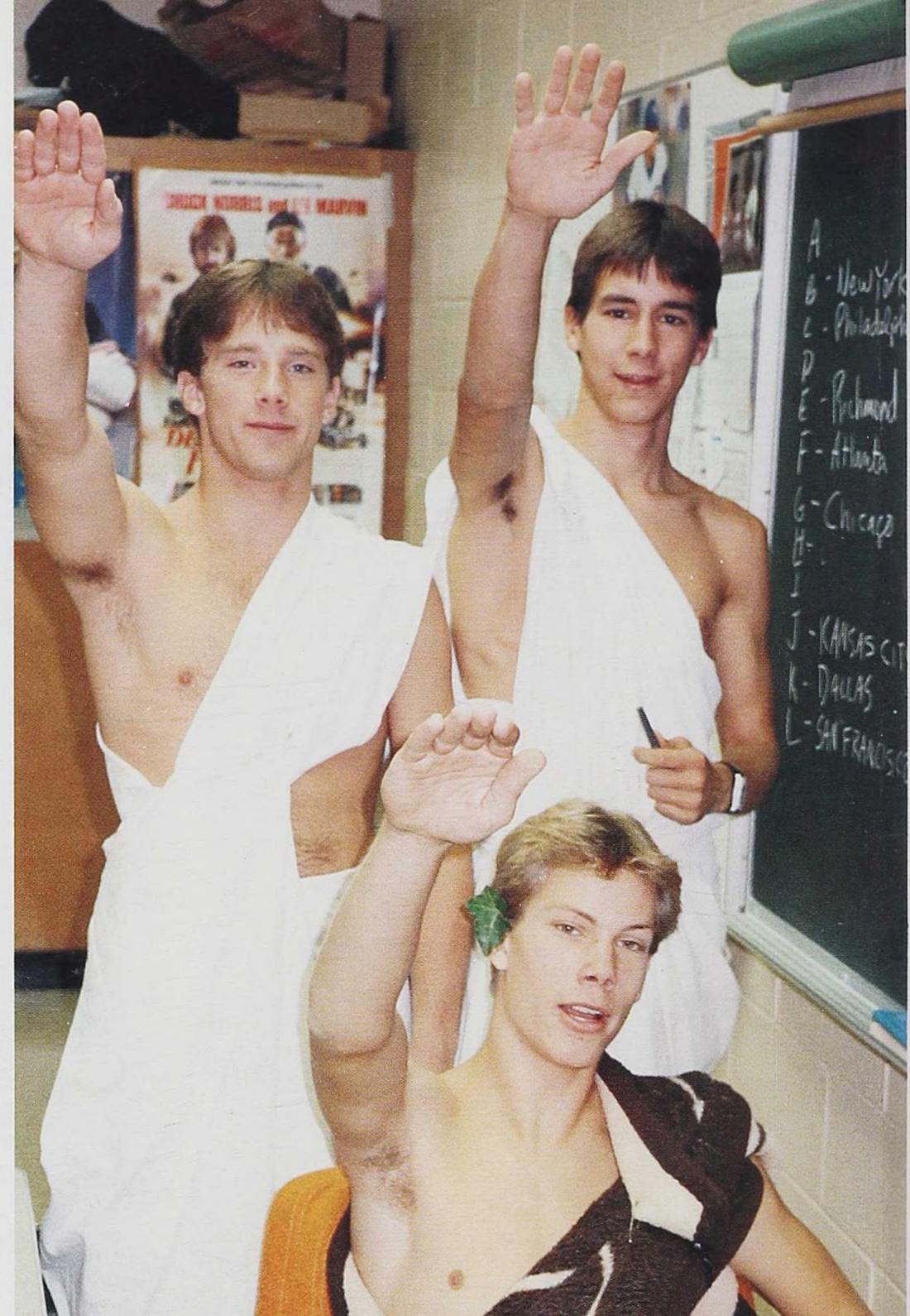
Junior Jason Lenig runs on his way to a Cougar touchdown against Hammond Gavit.







"Come see Russ and Ryan weekday mornings at the Cougar Corner."



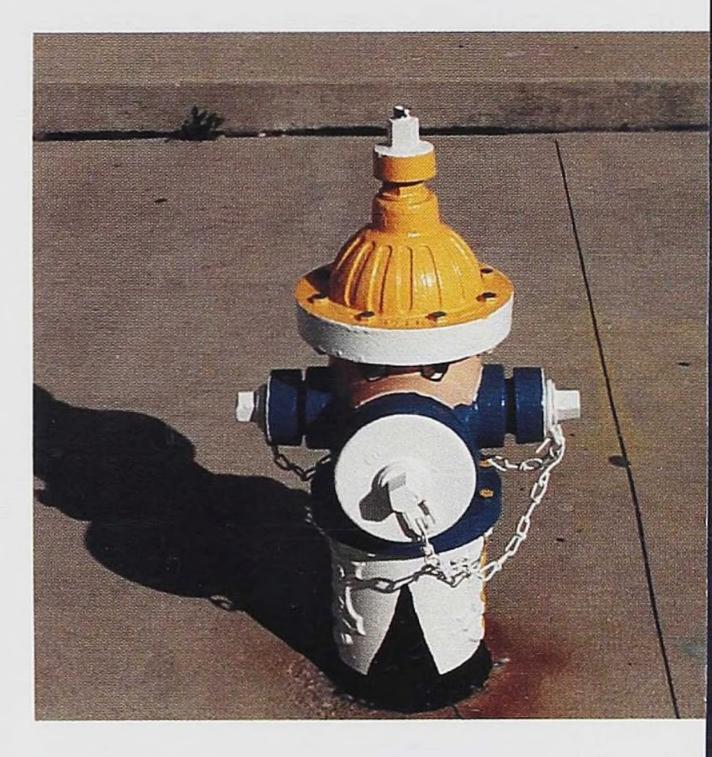


Let Your Colors Fly

Our school is exploding year by year. Blue and Gold Cougars are showing their true colors by participating in spirit week, attending pep sessions, and going to games. The student body is backing the Cougars through the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

This year was a year of changes for New Prairie. We were faced with a new principal as well as a new vice-principal. New traditions were started like decorating the halls for Christmas and the Mistletoe Ball. A Student Senate was formed and with their leadership and spirit New Prairie was changed into a school where students were proud to go to and were eager to participate in activities. New Prairie is proud to let their colors fly.







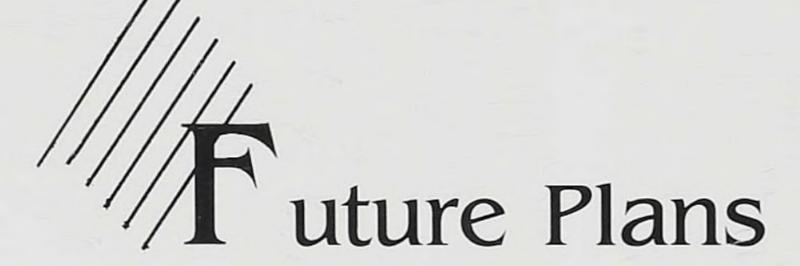
Fans show their enthusiasm by waving the balloons that the cheerleaders passed out for them to pop at the first New Prairie basket.

The fire hydrant was transformed this year when members of the Cross Country Team painted it for school spirit.

The flag girls keep sparkling along with their new uniforms. Auto mechanic students, junior Dave Kazmierzak and senior Steve Holt, work on the brakes of a car during their auto mechanics class.







"Two fries, fifteen Big Macs, four Quarter Pounders with Cheese, and six chocolate shakes!" This is something commonly heard by senior Danielle Coffman who has an after-school job at a fast food restaurant. She plans to attend college next year and is saving her money for it.

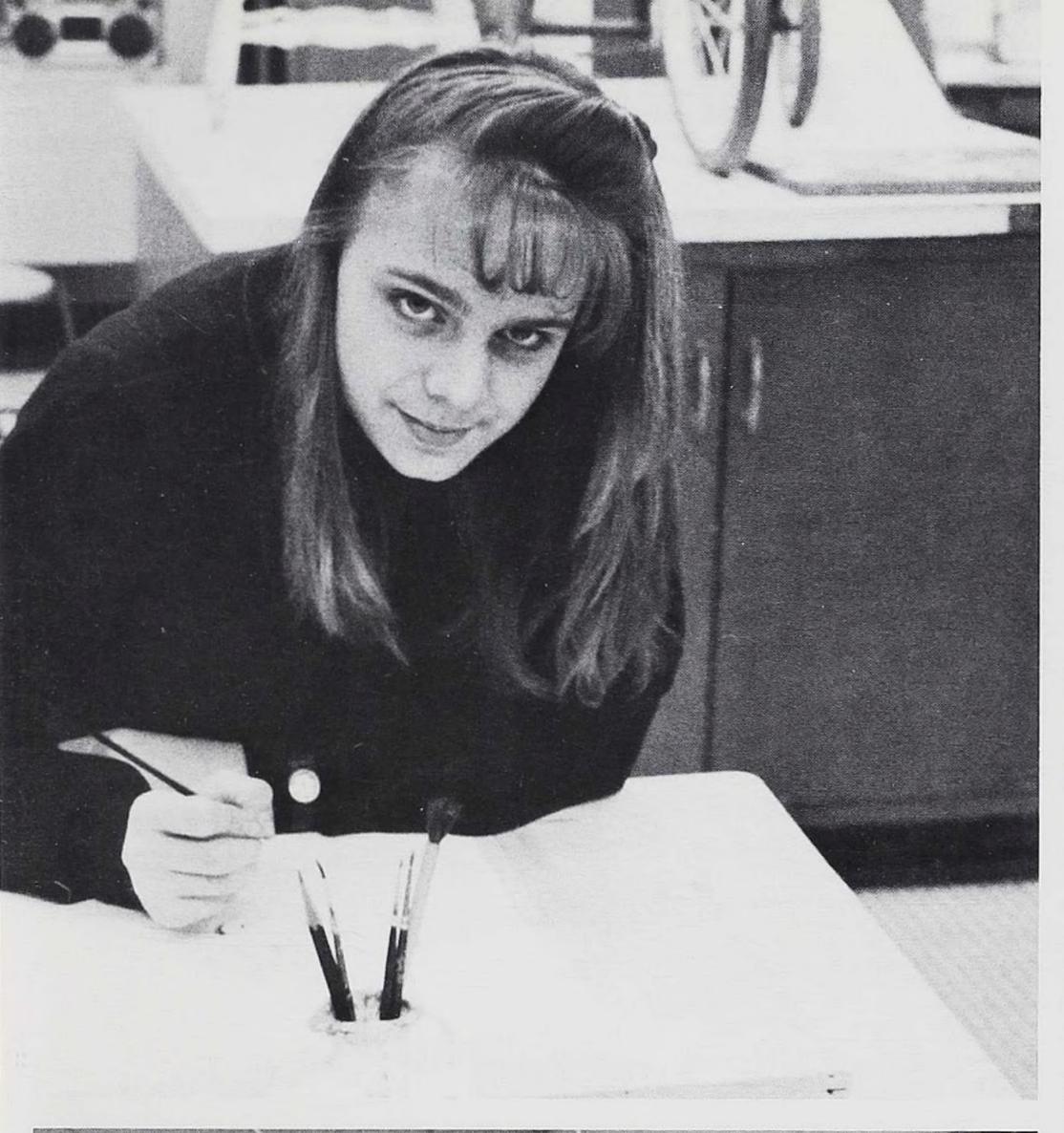
Junior Nick Fickel works at Sauers washing cars. He works to pay for his car. Nick says, "I work to pay for my car. I have a car so I can work." That seems to be a common phrase among the guys at

New Prairie.

To pay for his "social activities", junior John Arndt washes dishes and cooks at Mel's Diner in New Carlisle. Many of today's teens use the money they make at there jobs on activities outside of school.

Having an after school job is becoming a regular part of every high school student's life. It helps to pay for all the material things that teens seem to need. It also gives us an opportunity to learn about how to get along in the job world.

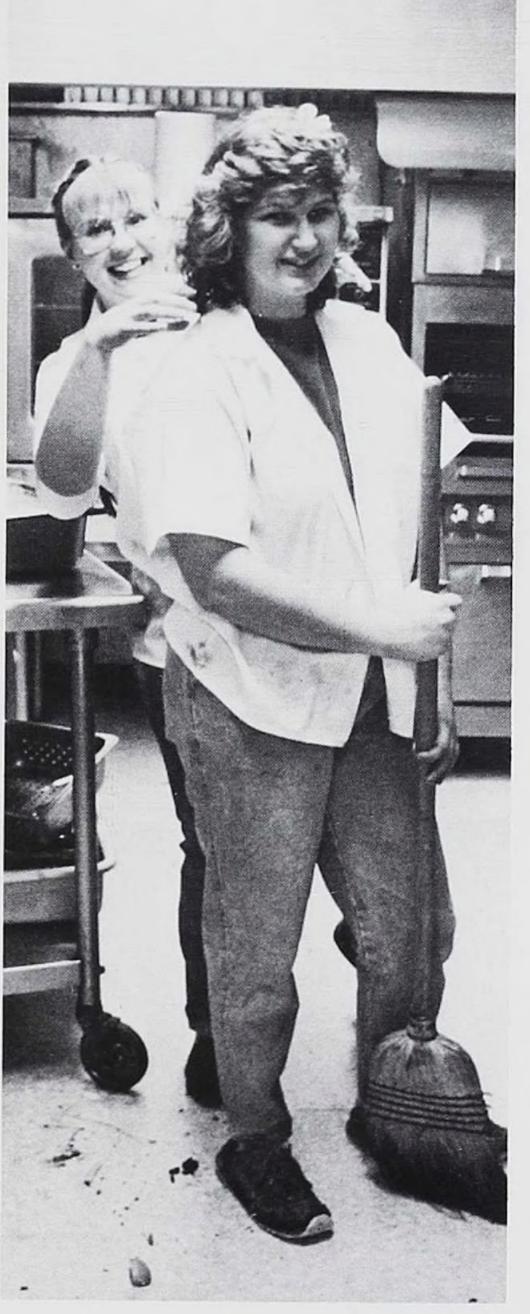






Wanting to pursue an art career, senior Kathleen Coffeen, has studied art for four years at New Prairie.

To save money for college, senior Jenny Murnane works as a cook in a local restaurant.



Many high school students work at Arby's including junior Peter Leason.

After a hard nights work at Heston Bar, senior Lisa McCoy and sophomore Lisa Murnane clean up the kitchen.

Inside Look

There are many areas of our school that people seldom take the time to notice. One of these is the locker areas. Can you imagine what life would be like without a locker? A person would have to carry their books and supplies from class to class all day. Sounds tiring! Many people decorate their lockers with everything from pictures to mirrors. One of the most original lockers can be found in the junior locker area. Steve King has carpeted the inside of his locker with brown shag and plans to install a strobe light as

soon as his finances permit.

Another area of our school people tend to take for granted is the locker rooms. These rooms serve many purposes. Teammates and coaches consider them to be conference rooms. Team strategies and lineups are decided here. Locker rooms are also a place for people to talk. Before and after practices people have a chance to discuss things dealing with school in general, not just the current sport.



Often coaches decorate their athlete's lockers with things that are funny, strange, or inspiring. Senior Theresa Cowgill stands by her locker which swim coach Kathy Nova decorated.

Senior Ryan Pesce, who is involved in cross-country and track, used pictures from running magazines to give his locker a "personal" touch.

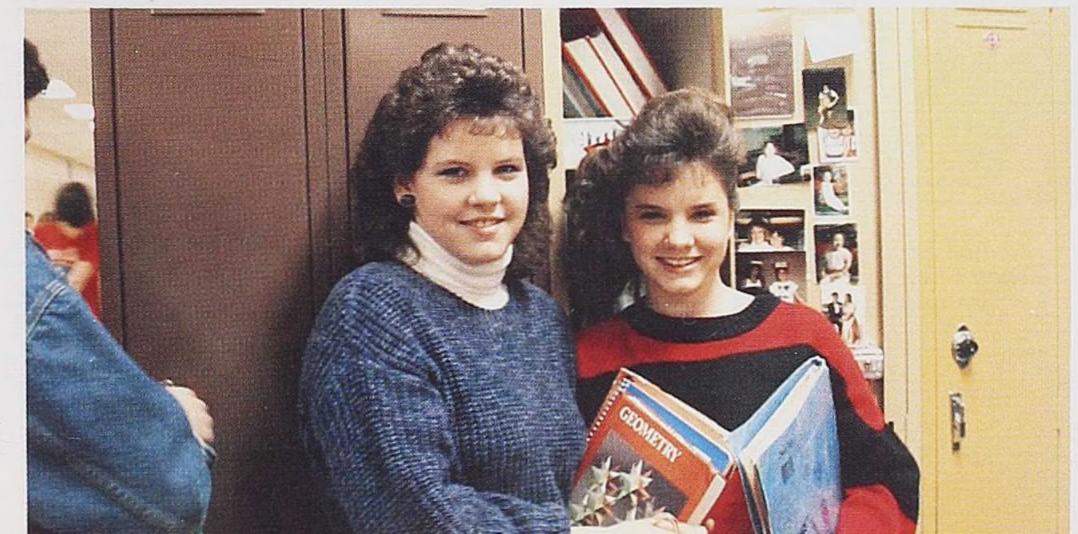




Between classes sophomores, Pat Williams and Janelle Crowl stow their books in their lockers.

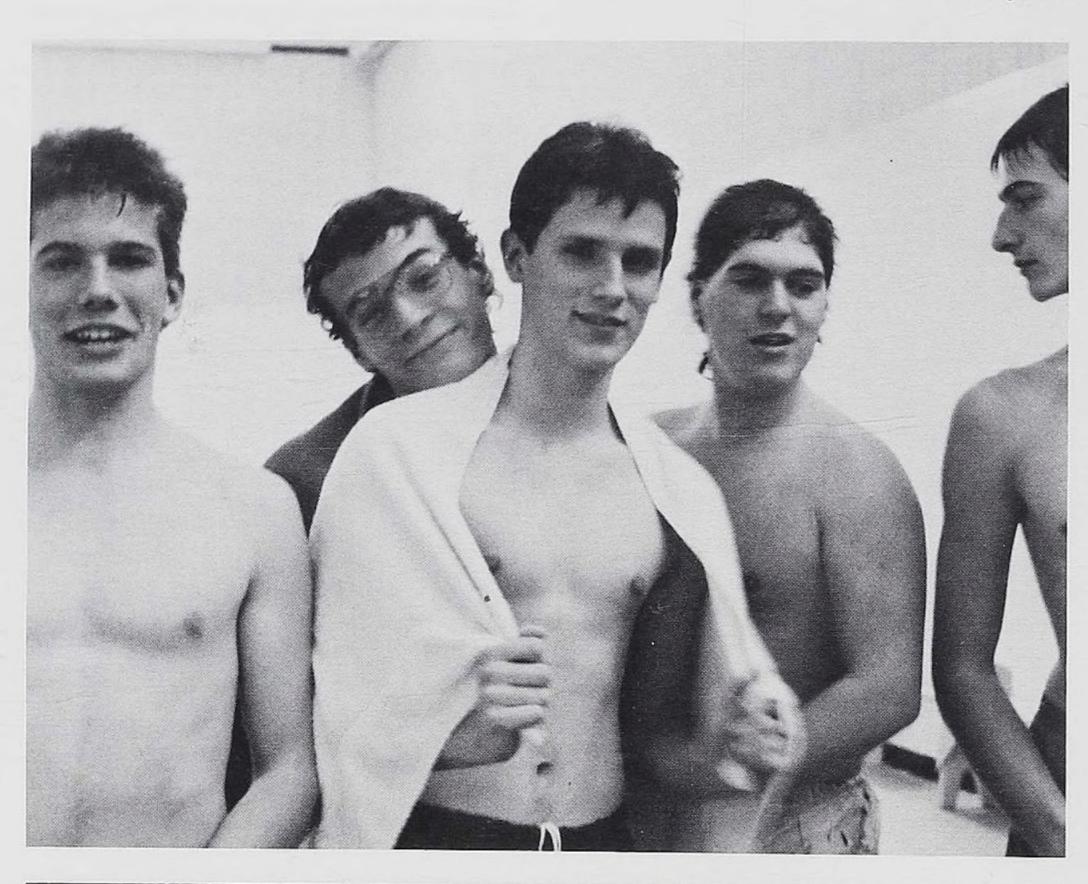
Junior Steve King carpeted his locker with the carpet from his room and plans to install a strobe light soon.



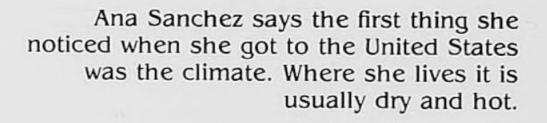


Sophomores Sheryl Gilchrist and Anissa Maxwell stand by Anissa's locker during passing periods. Patricia Carvalho says that in Brazil clothes are more colorful, especially shoes.

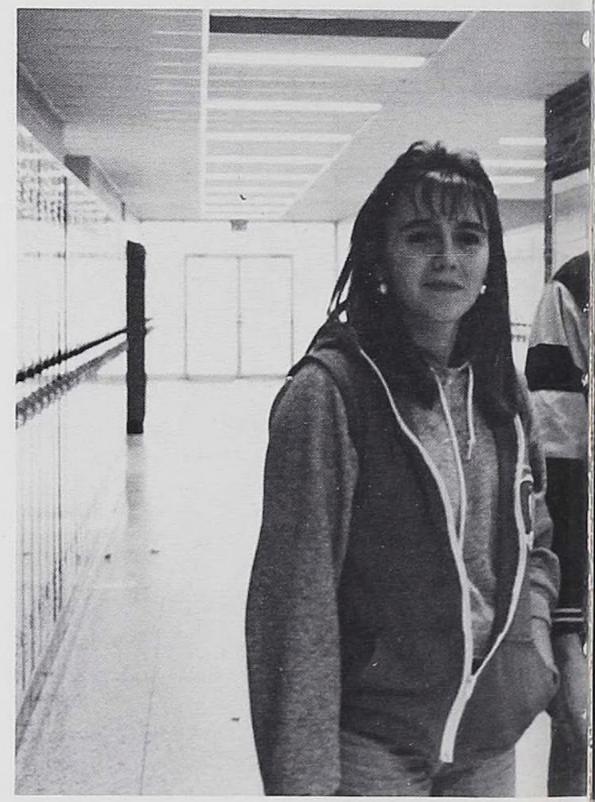
Although Adrian Wiedmer doesn't swim much in Switzerland, he decided to try his luck in it by joining the boy's swim team this year.



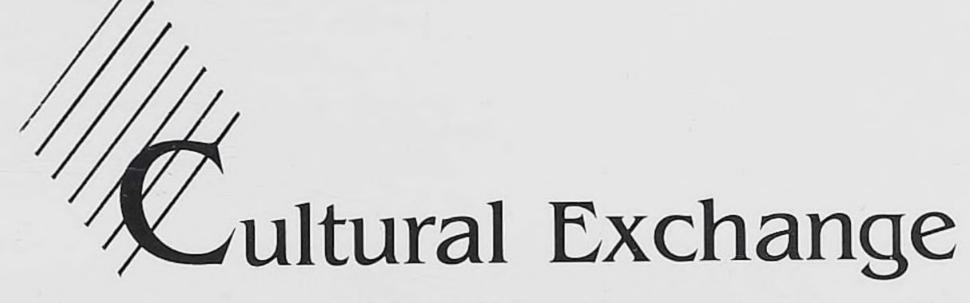












New Prairie has once again become a cultural atmosphere for exchange students. This year New Prairie is honored to have students from Brazil, Mexico, and Switzer-

land attending classes.

Patricia Carvalho was at home in Nenuque, Minas Gerais, Brazil when she saw a special program about sending students to America. She called for more information, her parents agreed, and she arrived at Cindy Wolak's home on February 8, 1987.

When Patricia goes back to Brazil she would like to see some of the countries around there. "I'd like to take some time to learn about the things I closed my eyes to before. Maybe I'll learn another language and travel to Europe," she stated.

Ana Sanchez, from Chihuahua, Mexico, arrived at the Everill household two weeks before school started.

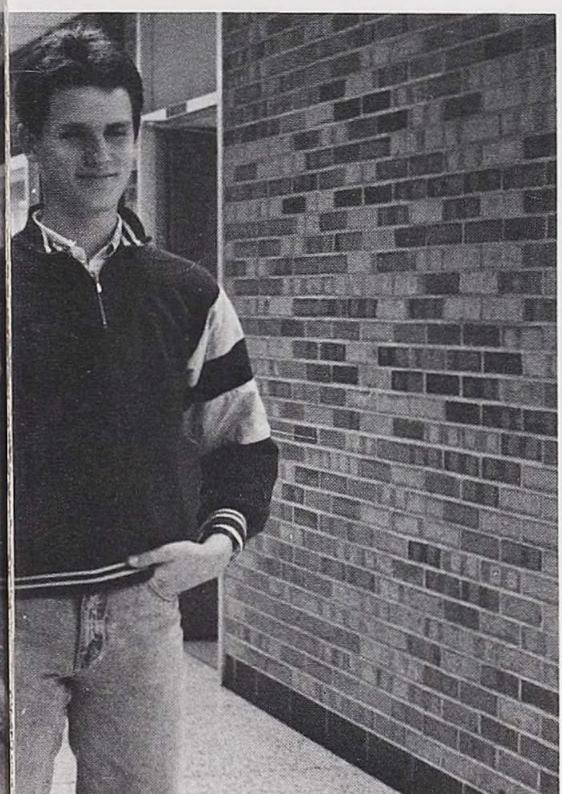
Ana praised the school system by saying, "The teaching is practical here and not theoretical." In Mexico she studied calculus but never learned its practical use until now.

When Ana goes back to Mexico she plans to take a placement test for the Technical College of Chihuahua and study industrial relations.

Adrian Wiedmer from Jenuis, Switzerland, arrived on August 14th at the home of Tony and Chris Curtis.

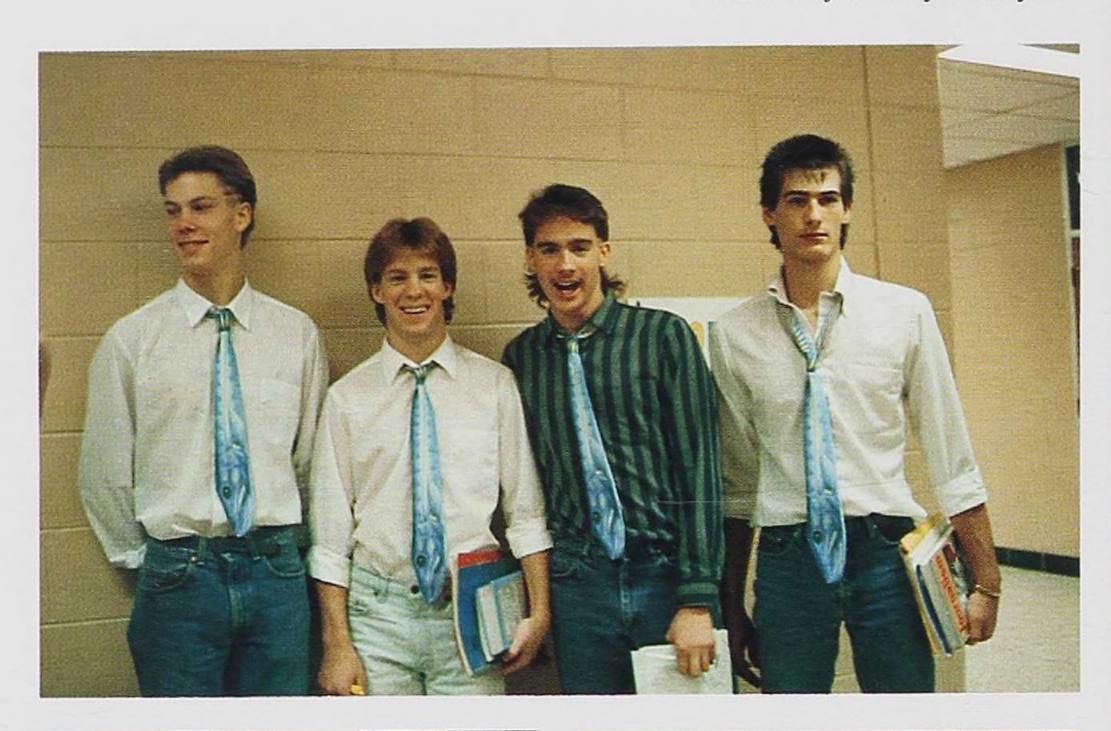
After attending the season opening football game, he could not believe that approximately 4,000 people PAID to see the game. "Back home only 10 to 20 people go to an event and they don't even have to buy a ticket," he said.

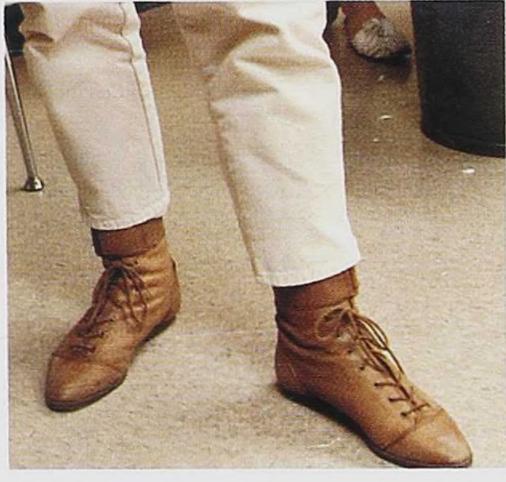
When Adrian returns he plans to go back to school for a year, enter the army, and possibly come back to the United States and live for 10-15 years but not forever. "I really like the United States, but I love the country I was born and raised in."



As always, seniors Rob Risner and Steve Schroeder stay with the styles as they wear their iced denim jeans.

The swim team members, seniors Tom Lode, Kyle Young, Doug Hynek, and junior Craig Dale have a different opinion on what really is in style this year.

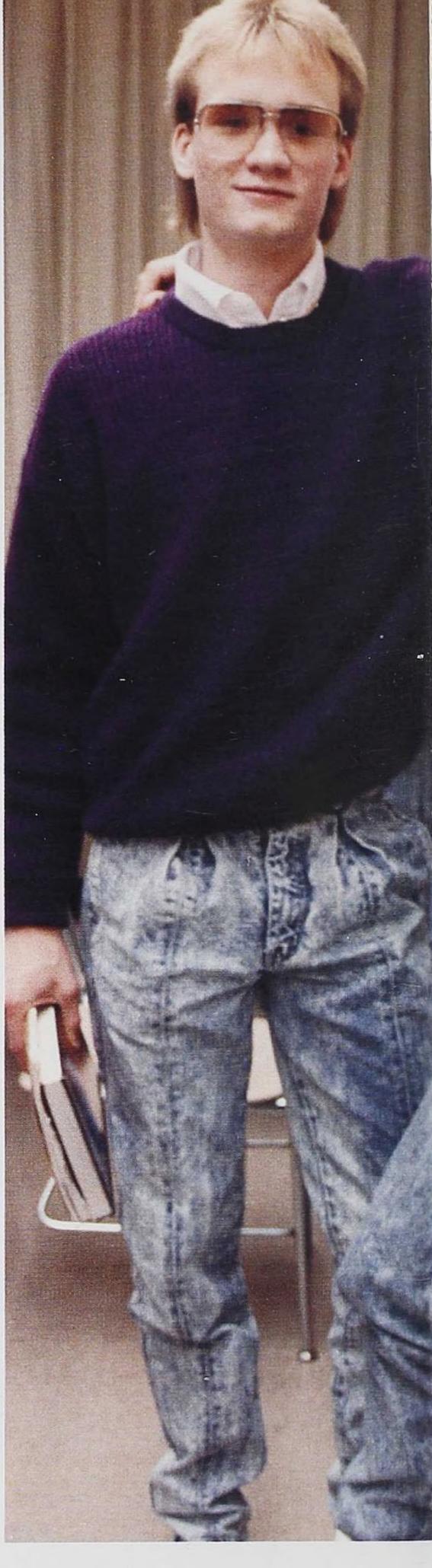


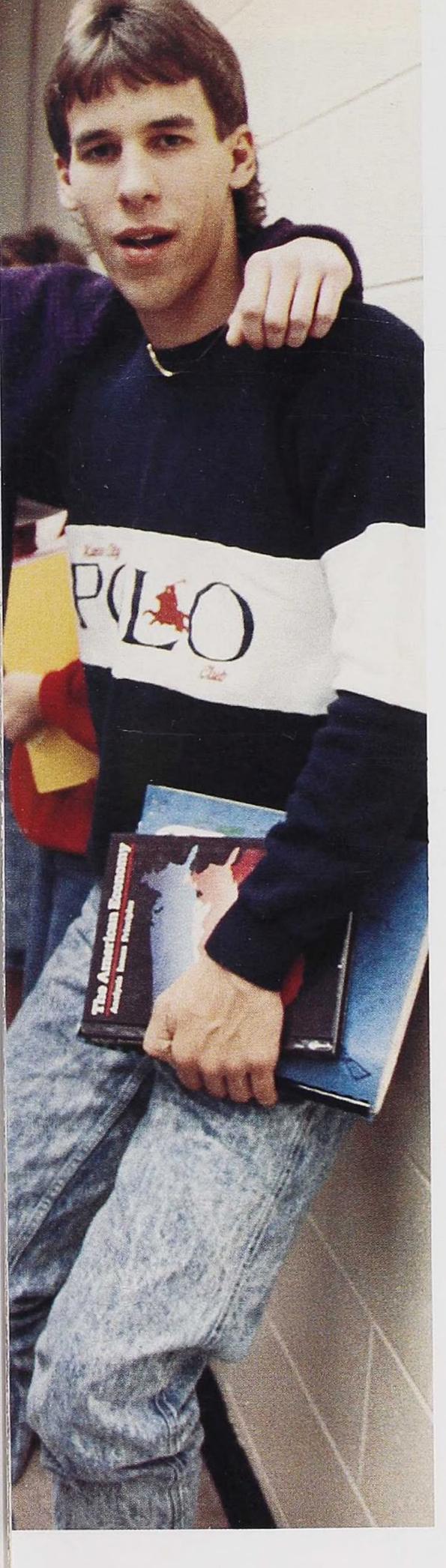


Old styles always return even in shoes and a pair of Stacey Sifords boots prove this.

Jean Jackets are one of the most popular styles this year and junior Mark Dillon adds his personal touch to the jean jacket phase with his hand painted jacket.







Latest Craze

By walking up and down the halls of New Prairie you could get a good idea of the fashions that are hot and of those that are definitely not. Unknown to the students, sometimes their favorite clothes make them into walking billboards.

Frequently seen on t-shirts and sweatshirts was Spuds McKenzie. Spuds is the mascot for Bud Light, a type of beer. This English bullterrier appears on items ranging from t-shirts to gymbags.

It's hard to believe, but the everpopular blue jeans were still coming up in different ways. Faded and iced-denim jeans were worn by everyone. Freshman Koby Moody commented that "holey pants" were big in fashion this year.

Freshman Melissa Kirkham

thought the hottest jeans to wear were "Guess" by Georgeos Marciano. "Guess" started by manufacturing just jeans but like many other companies it expanded by making watches, sweaters and even umbrellas.

History proved once again to repeat itself. Teens all over the area started to wear mini and straight skirts once more. Mini-skirt lengths were not daring as in the late 1960's. Nevertheless, the boys around here still enjoyed them.

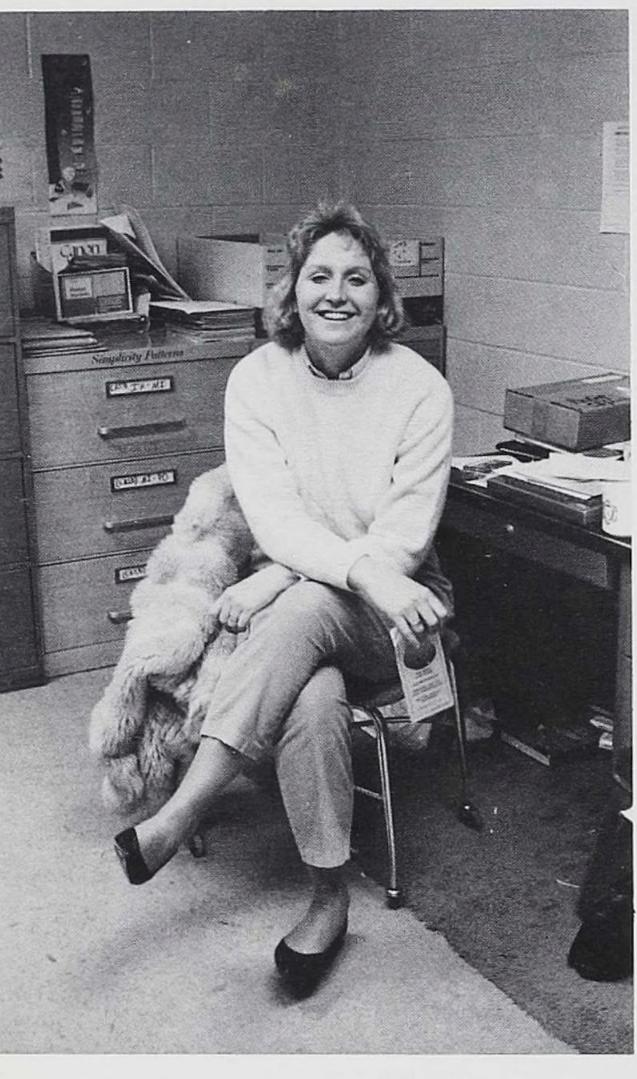
When junior Annelise Carter was asked what she thought the most popular fashion of the year was she replied that, "Everyone is wearing designer underwear." Senior Eric Sebasty replied with the typical senior comment of "I don't care!"

High top Reeboks seem to have a permanent place in fashion.

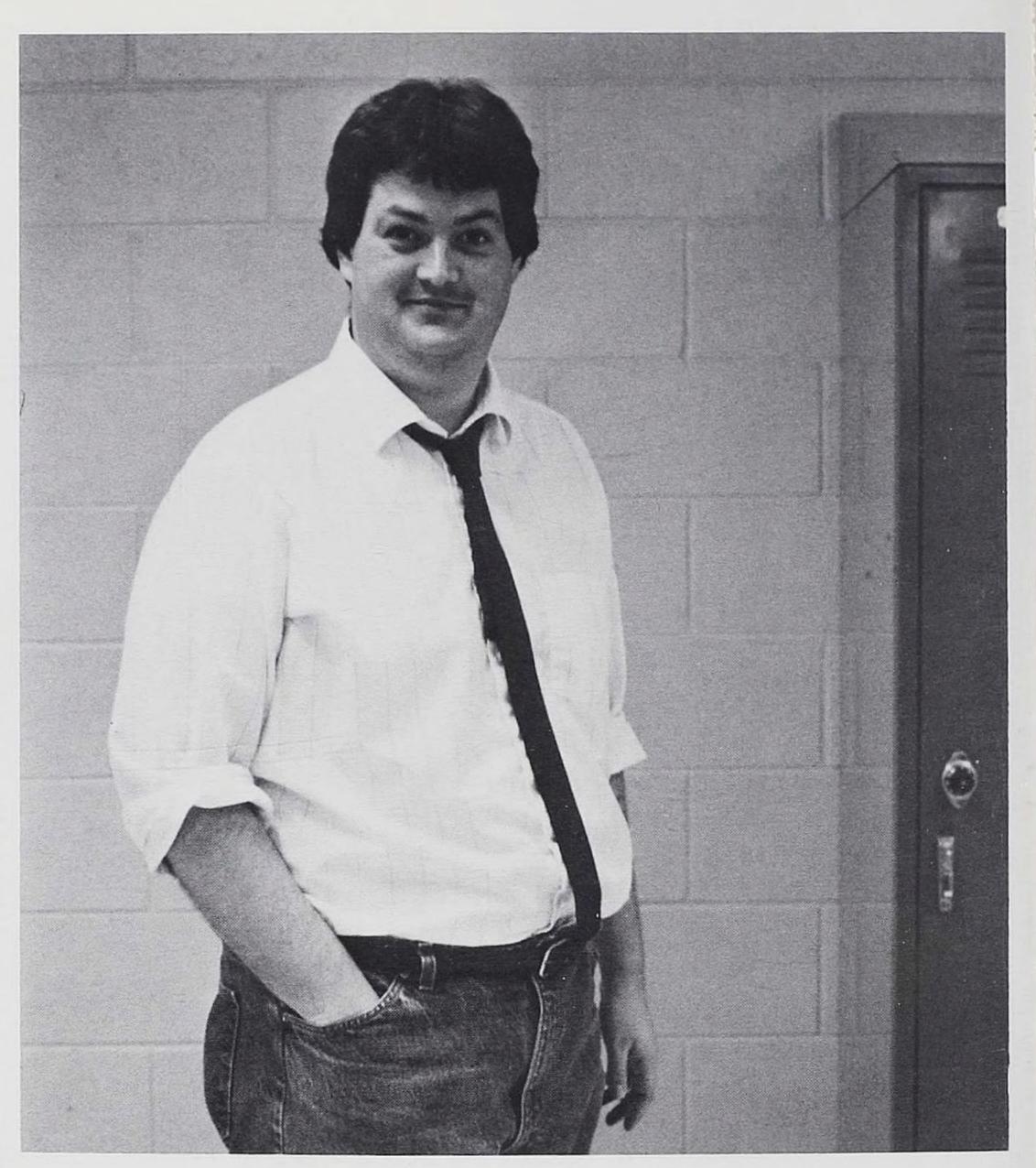


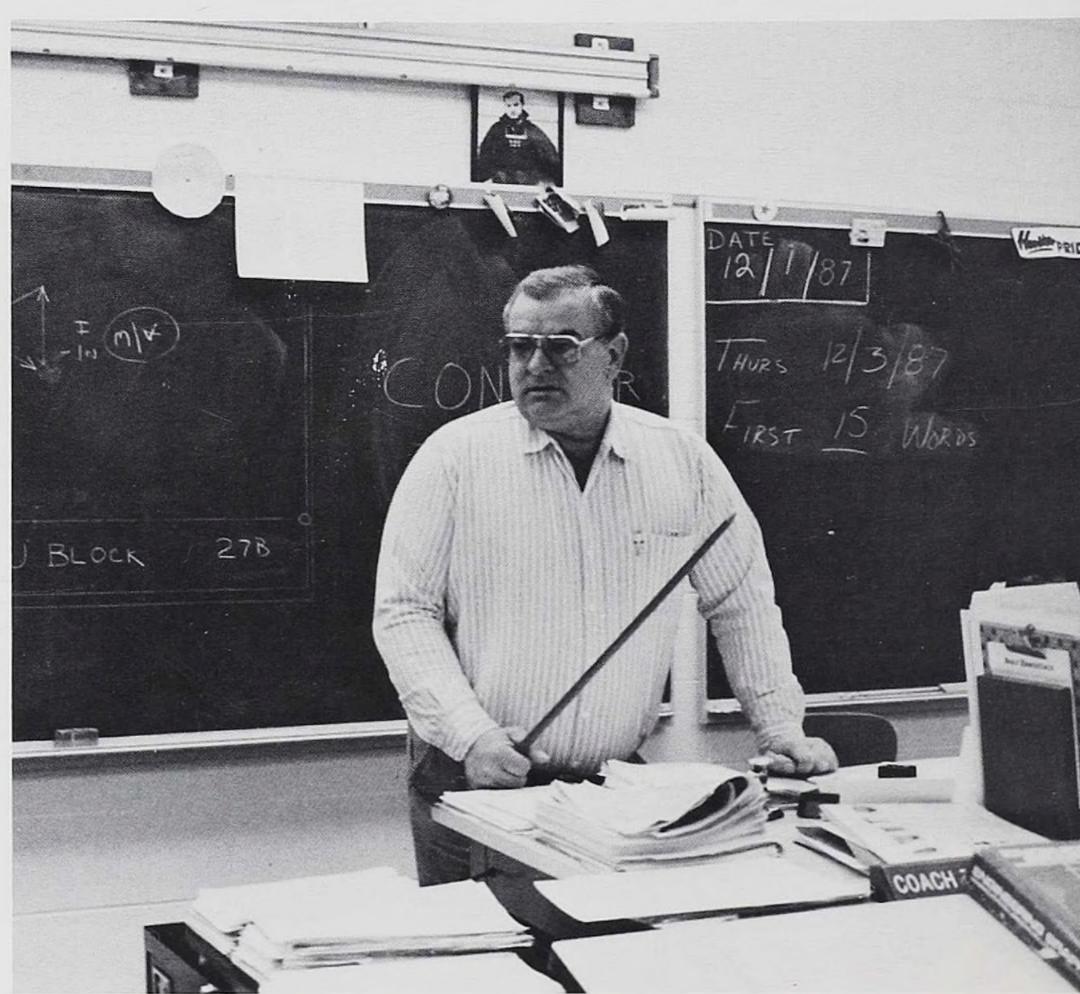
Mr. Wade, awesome math teacher, takes time to pose for the camera. Wade is known as one of the most spirited teachers, always dressing up during spirit week and going to most sporting events.

Choir teacher Mrs. Mitchell always seems to be on the run. She teaches Acapella Choir, Concert Choir, Swing Choir and is also the director of the spring musical.



Mr. Tolmen, industrial arts, is shown teaching one of his drafting classes. He is the sponsor for the boys and girls Letter Club.





Truly Dedicated

What better way to talk about being true to your school than talking about the teachers who graduated from New Prairie and came back to teach. They all had different reasons for coming back. Mr. Shead said, "I can understand my students better since I came from the same type of background."

The teachers had many different reasons for becoming teachers. Mr. Wade said, "I like the idea of helping people." Mr. Mathews and Mr. Powers, whom he had as teachers, were his role models. Mr. Tolmen said, "I enjoy watching the students grow and prosper after graduation."

Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Shead were in high school right at the time when New Carlisle and Rolling Prairie consolidated. Mrs. Mitchell was in the first class to graduate from New Prairie. The day before they got out for Christmas break of her senior year they came to New Prairie and moved things into their new lockers. When they came back from Christmas break all the people from both schools were just thrown together. Mrs. Mitchell remarked, "The senior class was all mixed up."

Mr. Shead said, "When I was in school we didn't have to go to La-Porte or South Bend to meet new people like you do now, we would just go to Rolling Prairie or New Carlisle."

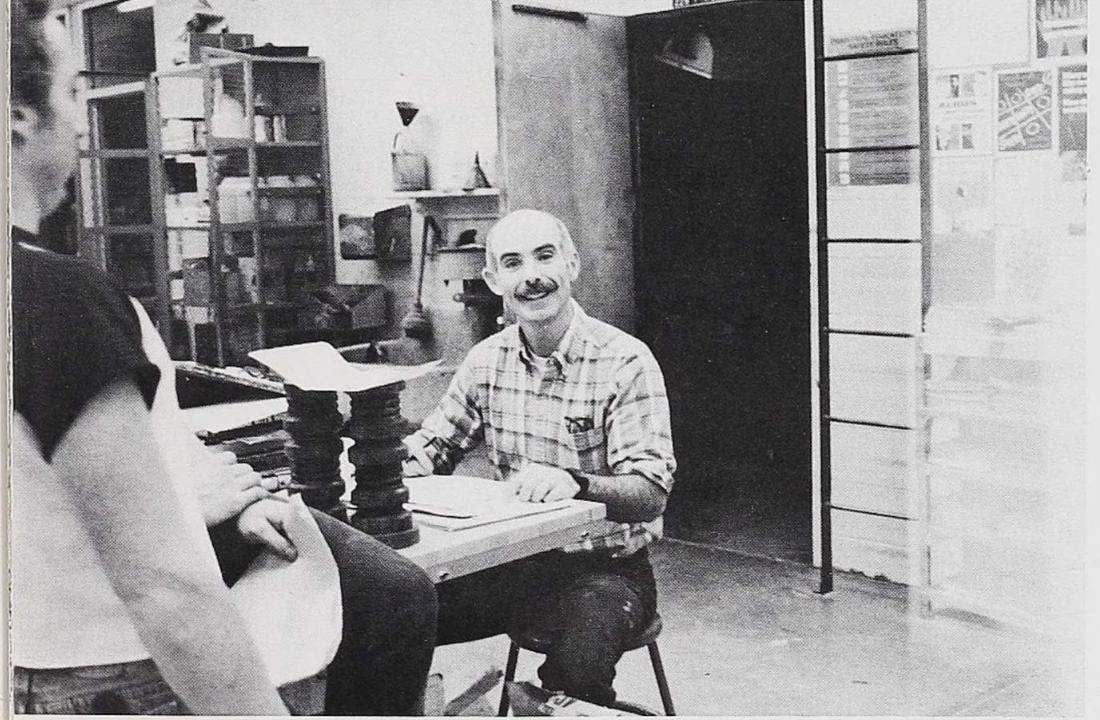
Each teacher had his or her own reason for teaching at New Prairie. Mrs. Mitchell is probably speaking for all when she says how much she appreciates the community support of the school's activities.

Judy Adnson	``58'' N.C.
Mary Adnson	``78'' N.P.
Mark Belsaas	``68'' N.C.
Donna Mitchell	``69'' N.P.
Timothy Moffitt	``66'' N.C.
Dan Shead	′′70′′ N.P.
Curtis Swank	``75'' N.P.
Harry Tolmen	``57'' N.C.
Steve Wade	``78'' N.P.



Secretary Mrs. Adnson seems to keep the school running smoothly even though every time you see her she's piled up to her elbows in work.

Mr. Shead is a well known face at New Prairie. He is the head coach for boys basketball and has kept his team in good spirits even when they are behind. His winning spirit has made the team victorious.



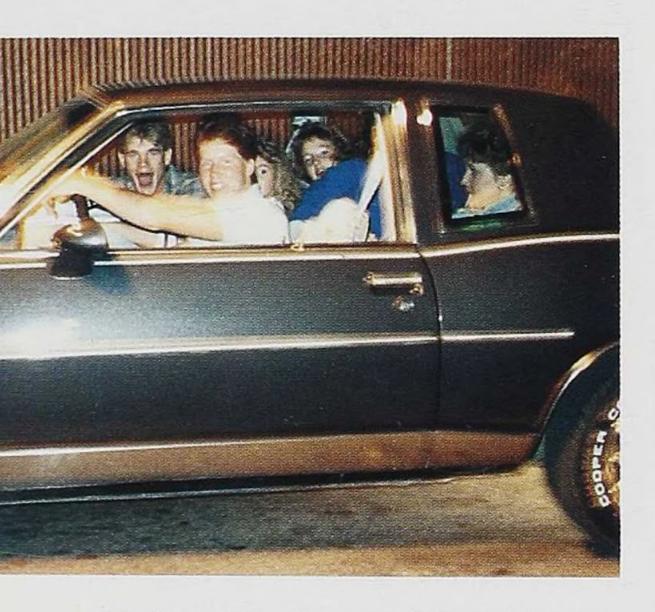
Cruising The Town

Cruising is a popular pastime for many New Prairie students. It ranks right up with going to the movies as something to do on Friday and Saturday night. Some students go up to LaPorte and others travel a little further to South Bend.

Generally, when people cruise they like to see who else is cruising. Freshmen Erin Danielson and Michelle McCullough say they like to see people and stand outside in groups by the cars. Senior Chris Mroczkiewicz and junior Mike Serry go uptown to "pick up the LaPorte women, look at cars and see people we know from other schools." As Mike and Chris pass the time they "stand around, drive around, and look around." Seniors Bob Overmeyer and Doug Klute say they "cruise around to look at girls but not necessarily to meet them."

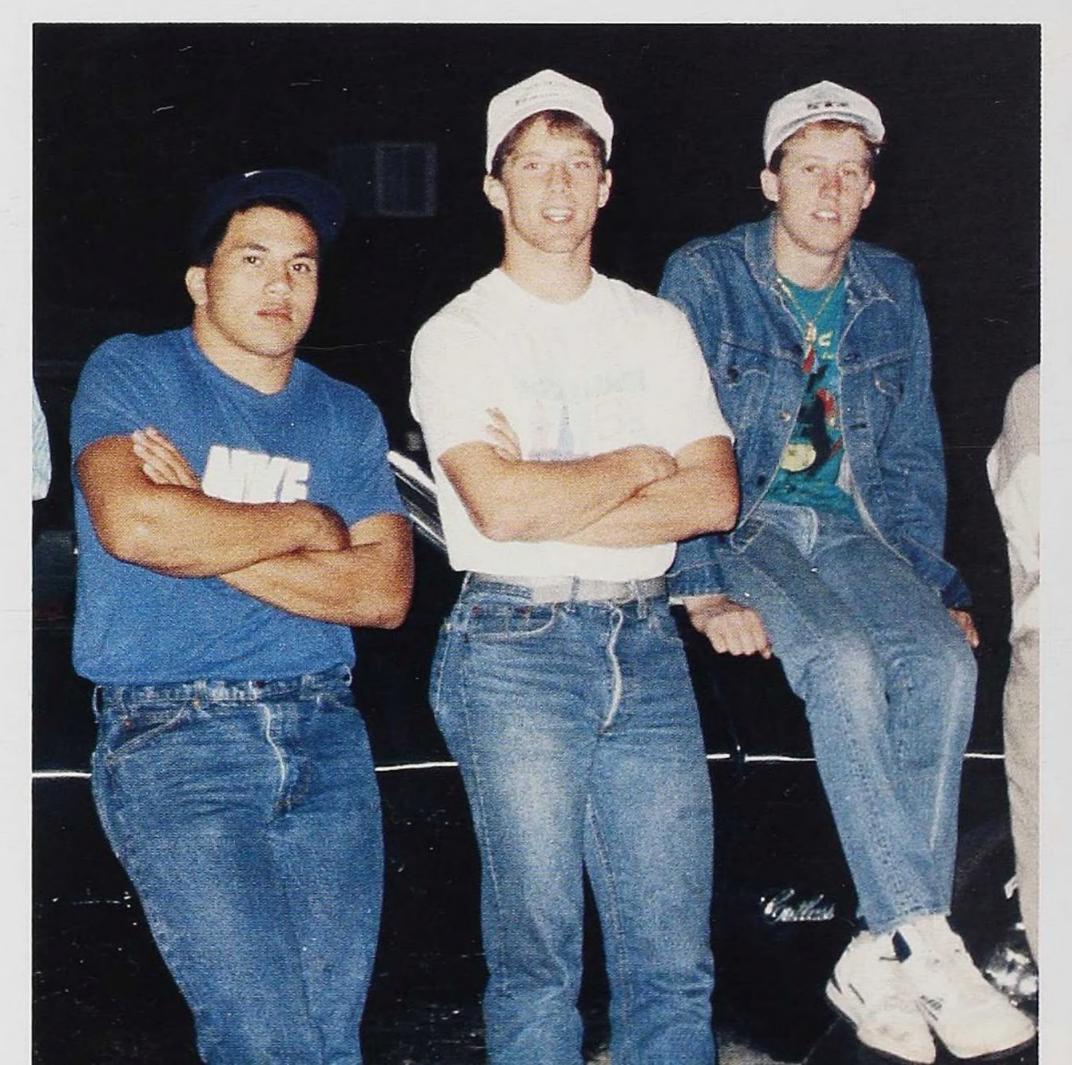
Burger King has been the place to be in LaPorte this year. Wendys and Key Cleaners are two popular New Prairie spots. Some students choose to drive through town while others prefer to park their cars, turn on stereos and talk with friends.

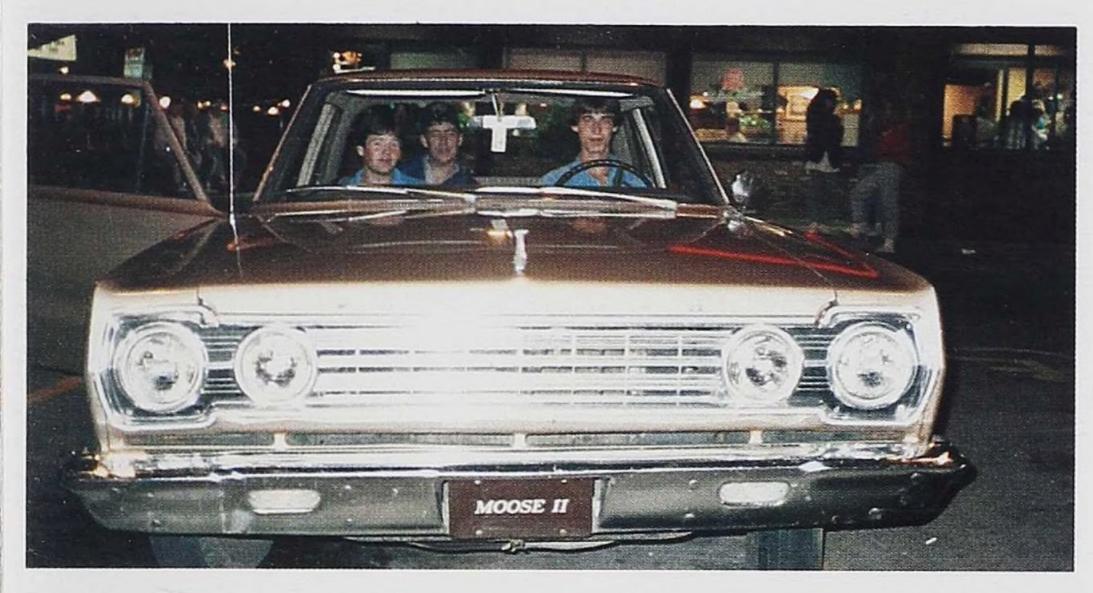
Senior Tom Washburn said, "I like to socialize and meet new people, especially women." Usually though, it is a matter of time before a police officer will ask everyone to leave. Officers are hired by Burger King and other fast food restaurants to keep everything in order. When asked what he thought of people cruising an officer replied, "The kids have better things to do. The biggest problems with cruising is that the kids lack respect and the garbage they leave behind."



Seniors, John Sirovy and Rick Christenson cruise by Burger King looking for excitement.

On weekends you'll often find Seniors Bobby Overmyer, Doug Klute and Tom Washburn lounging against Tom's car in the parking lot of Wendy's.





Juniors Craig Ebersole, Bill Gumm and Craig Dale park at Burger King hoping to meet some women.

A popular hang out in LaPorte is Burger King where DeDe Spear, Racheal Tukos, Wendy Plank, Wendy Tobolski, Kyle Young, Ryan Pesce, Bridgette Van Schoyck, Coley Pesce, Dave DeNeve, Bill Giesler and Scott Spear gather.



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Seniors Mike Tuszynski and Don Martin make soap during advanced chemistry.

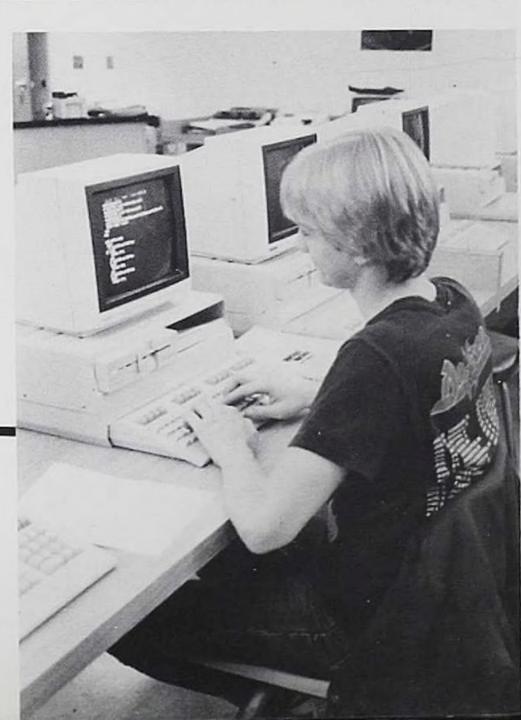
Sophomore Jenny Melton decorates her class wall for the football homecoming spirit week.





Junior Kari Stutzman and seniors Carey Johnston and Wendy Plank won the Voice of Democracy essay writing contest.

Mike Nowaczewski happily types on the school Commodore 128 computer.



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SPECIAL EVENTS



Prom-goers show off their radiant smiles at the Notre Dame ACC.



Football Homecoming Queen Wendy Plank and last years queen Tina Wolfe.

Performing "Plain and Fancy" Laura Kennedy and Mark Zollman.

Football lomecoming

Queen Wendy Plank and her escort Brian Witkowski take a moment to pose for the camera

"Down on the Farm" was the theme for the 1987 Football Homecoming. The week began with the traditional spirit days. Class olympics were held Thursday night and the spirited class of '88 accumulated the most points during the competitions and therefore won the spirit stick; a bonfire followed the olympics. During halftime, Wendy Plank was crowned Homecoming Queen and the underclassmen were represented well by Stacey Siford, Dana Kopkowski, and Beth Starr. The evening was capped off by the Cougars burying John Glenn, 35-13 and a dance after the game.

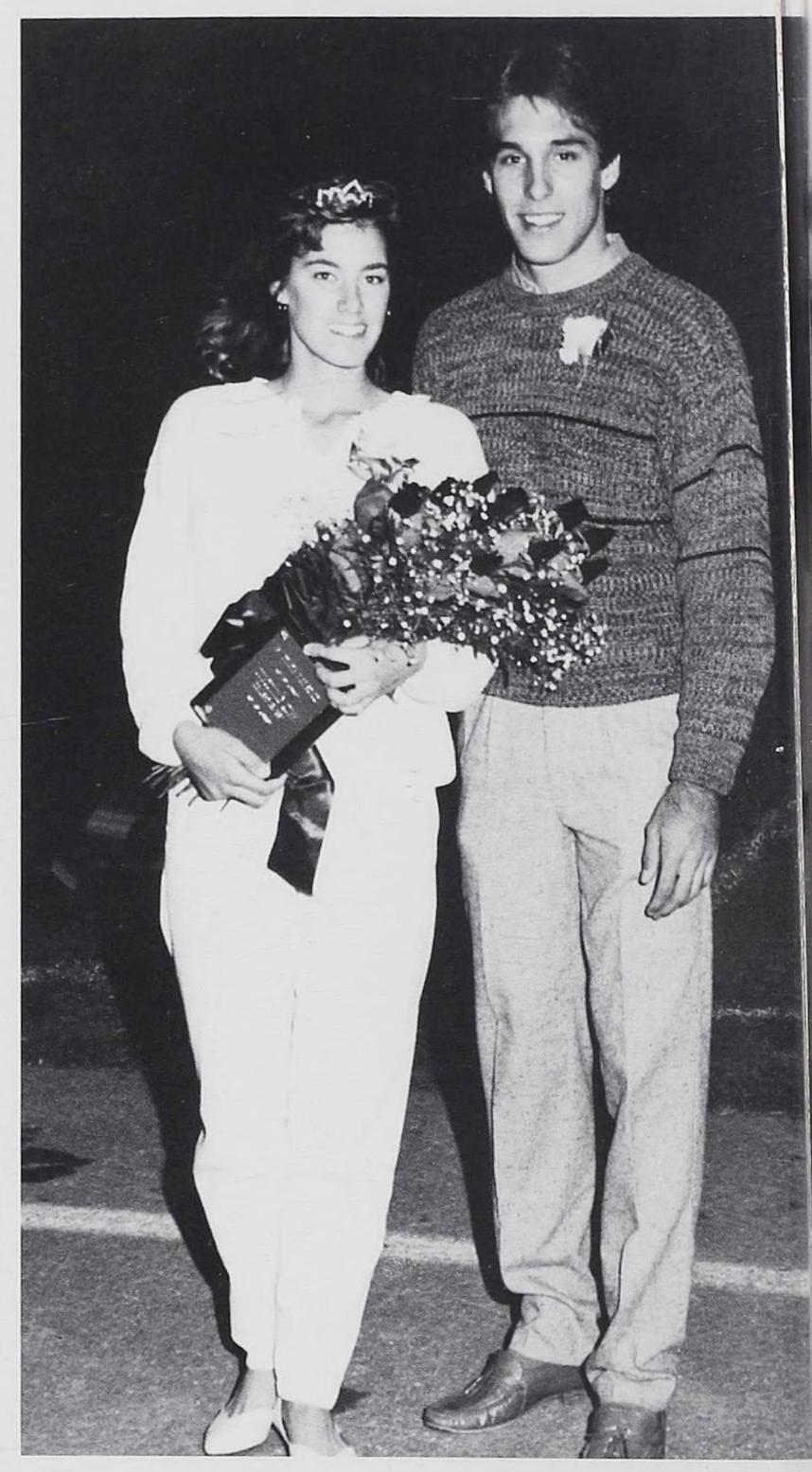
1986 Homecoming Queen Tina Wolfe passes the crown of '87 queen Wendy Plank





Kari Johnson, Rachel Tukos, and Wendy Plank make their ride to center stage

Representing the underclassmen: junior Stacey Siford, Russ Allegrette, sophomore Dana Kopkowski, Jeff Workman, freshman Beth Starr, and Matt Hooten





Captain Tom Washburn crowns the 1988 Homecoming Queen, Dana Kopkowski





Homecoming Court: Barry Corbett, second runner-up Cathy Norris, Rob Risner, Queen Dana Kopkowski, Jason Lenig, first runner-up Stacey Siford, Kyle Young, third runner-up Rachel Tukos

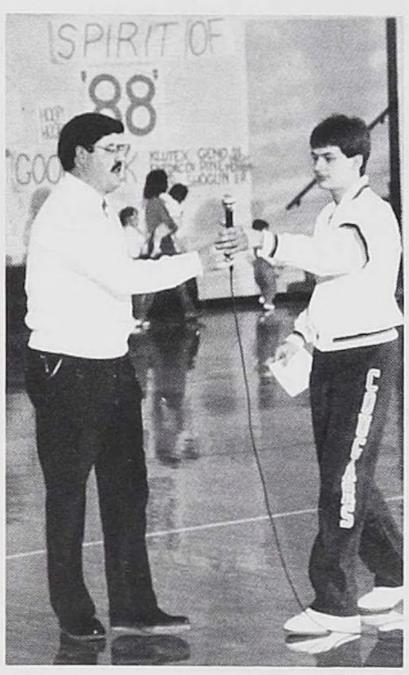
Hasketball omecoming

The 1988 Basketball Homecoming was celebrated under the theme "Cougar Basketball is Risky Business". The game had a strange twist this year compared to other years. It was played on a Saturday at 2 o'clock. One of our famous snow days was the culprit. School was closed on the

original date planned for the game. The Saturday time was the only date left open on the schedule for basketball games. The Cougar hoopsters disposed of the Jimmies from Jimtown, 73-51. Dana Kopkowski was crowned Homecomimng Queen at halftime.

The mighty Cougars prepare to face the Jimmies





Junior class president Jason Schroeder announces Homecoming Queen nominees

On The Edge Of A Dream '88

Prom '88 was a night to remember. The night began with most prom-goers dining in the areas finest restaurants, from The Loft to Jeremiah Sweeney's. Following dinner "On the Edge of a Dream" came to life.

Doug Hynek and Kari Johnson were crowned Prom King and Queen. The traditional dance with the court was to the tunes of "Here I Go Again," the senior class song.

Following Prom, students gathered in the high school cafeteria for post-prom. The day after Prom, prom-ogers flocked to many of the areas hot-spots. Great America, Chicago, New Buffalo Beach, and Cedar Point were the favorite choices.



Juniors Bobby Johnson and Lori Hayhurst take a walk over the bridge to join the prom festivities.

The big moment of announcing the queen finally arrived. Juniors Stacey Silord, Kim Lapczynski, and last years queen Kim Kleine wait to present the crown and flowers.







Prom King and Queen Kari Johnson and Doug Hynek.

Prom court — Tom Washburn, Wendy Plank, Kyle Young, Rachael Tukos, Russ Allegrette, Debbie McAtee, Doug Hynek, Cindy Plank, Brian Witkowski, Julie Golden, Rob Risner, Kari Johnson.







Angie Hostetler sits out one dance to chat with friends.

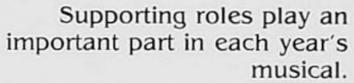
Plain & Fancy

This years musical was the story of Ruth Winters (Stef Lenig) and Dan King's (Mark Dillion) trip to a small Amish community named Bird-in-Hand. When they arrive the town is preparing for the marriage of Katie (Carla Scott) and Ezra (John Higgins). Neither Katie nor Ezra are happy about their marriage since it was arranged. Katie has an even better reason not to want to marry Ezra; she is in love with Peter Reber (Bill Perz). Dan and Ruth

have been having their own problems. One of the young Amish girls Hilda (Laura Kennedy), has fallen in love with Dan. Ruth begins to think her and Dan weren't meant to stay together. But of course as in all good musicals all the problems are solved and all the couples get together with the right person; Ruth and Dan get back together, Katie and Peter get married, and Hilda finds an Amish boy to her liking.

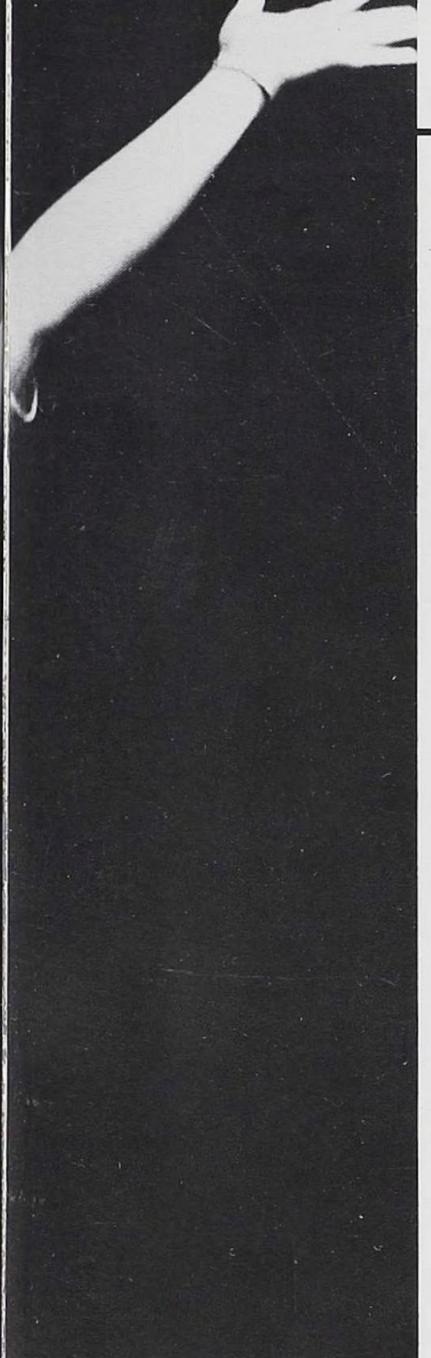






Sophomore Carla Scott and junior Bill Perz sing of their childhood love in the song "Young and Foolish."

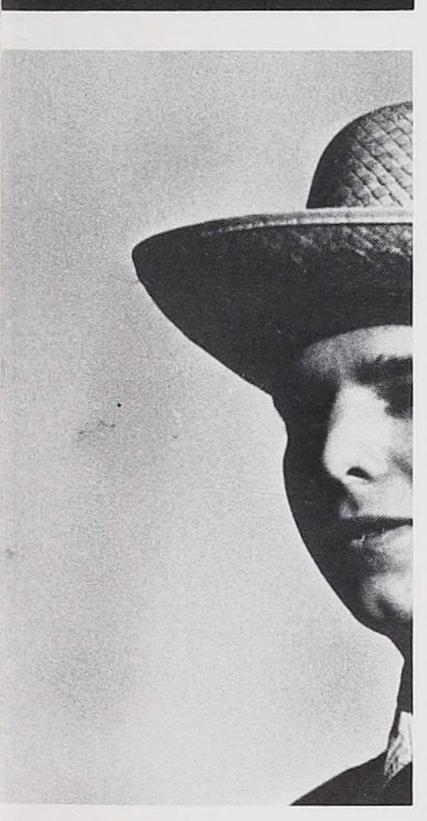




Senior Stef Lenig seranades the audience with "It's a Helluva Way to Run a Love Affair."

The musical cast demonstrates just how a barn should be raised.

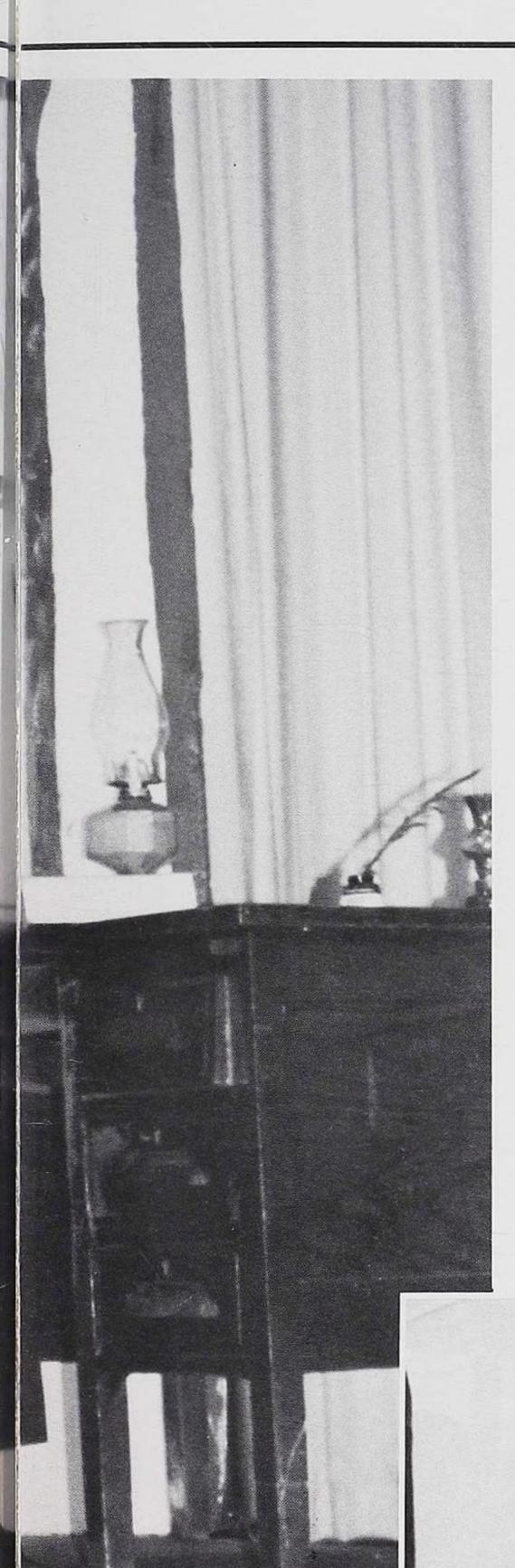




Ruth Winters Stefanie Lenig
Dan King Mark Dillon
Katie Yoder
Peter Reber
Ezra Reber John Higgins
Hilda Miller Laura Kennedy
Papa Yoder Kevin Dixon
Issac Miller Brian Covert
Emma Miller Tootie Robinson
A Young Miller Robbie Bauer
Young Miller Girl Chrissy Groff
Another Young Miller Angie Kafka
Rachel Kim Dadlow
Samuel Zook Rob Greathouse
Jacob Yoder Mark Zollman
Abner Zook Mike Ackerman
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Esther Julie Kata
Rebecca Jackie Jandrisovits
Mary Jenny Parsons
State Trooper Derek Oshinski

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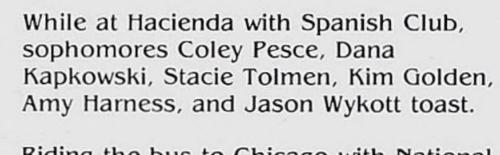






Seniors Jody Livinghouse and Carey Johnston prepare for the induction of new members into National Honor Society.





Riding the bus to Chicago with National Honor Society seniors Theresa Cowgill and Janel Zakrzewski pose for a picture. Everyone seemed to agree that the Hard Rock Cafe was "too cool!". Here junior Chrissy Groff, seniors Janel Zakrzewski and Virginia Casper, and junior Michelle Lapczynski pose with a couple of employees.

Mational Monor Society

After becoming a member of National Honor Society, one can participate in activities such as community service projects. This year N.H.S. went to two nursing homes at Christmas time and sang carols. N.H.S. also ran the "Cougar Corner" bookstore this year, which was the first year of its opening. The reward for hard work paid off when N.H.S. took a trip to Chicago in April. They visited a museum, the Art Institute, Hard Rock Cafe, and Water Tower Place.

Waiting for their meal, seniors relax and sip on Pepsi.

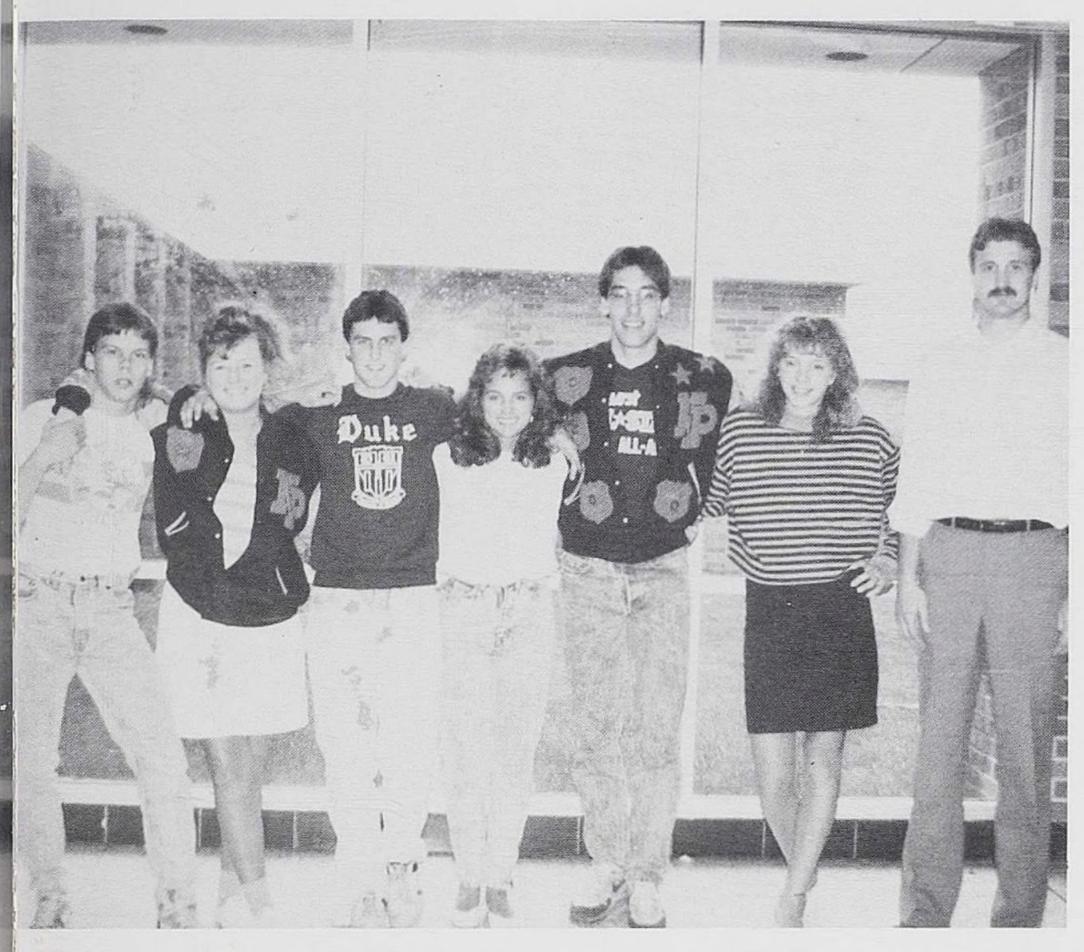




Spear, Stacey Siford, Angie McGowan, Shannon Miller



First row: Wendy Tobolski, Rachael Tukos, Wendy Plank, Mike Tusynksi, Ryan Pesce, Brian Witkowski, Karen Horvath, Carey Johnston, Jody Livinghouse, Jeff Harbart, Geno Klute, Tom Washburn. Second row: Shari Relford, Beth Adams, Jenny Houseknecht, Danielle Coffman, Virginia Casper, Theresa Cowgill, Stefanie Lenig, Julie Livinghouse, Julie Golden, Kari Johnson, Tabb Gesse. Third row Kathleen Coffen, Lisa Taddeuci, Sarah Buehrer, Wanda Livinghouse, Dan DeMeyer, Cindy Plank, Angie Zaremka, Phil Horvath, Christ Koselke, Susan Wheatbrook, Clint Crump, Steven Hansen. Forth row: Barb Morrow, Erin Murphy, Jenny Murnane, Nicki Ringle, Gail Brashear, Kathy Smith, Lori Hayhurst, Jason Lenig, Fred Noens, Dave Kirkham, Jason Schroder. Fifth row: Tootie Robinson, Susan Zaremka, Kathy Norris, Shelli Lapczynski, Deann Scott, Lynn Crump, Kim Dadlow, Crissy Groff, Kim Lapczynski, Dave DeNeve, Kevin Dixon, Neal Connolly. Sixth row: Kari Stutzman, Cathy Raven, Tammi Smith, Melissa Walma, Dan Page, Terry Adrian, Karl Seering, DeDe





The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which is in its third year, grew even larger than its past enrollment this year. FCA members met at a different club members house for each meeting. The atmosphere at these meetings was friendly and good-humored, and members grew to be good friends as the year went on. The club sold candy to raise money and had parties on some of the holidays. The club was sponsored by Mr. Curt Swank.

Reporter: Matt Martin, secretary; Stacey Siford, president; Jason Lenig, vicepresident; Rachael Tukos, meeting coordinator; Brian Witkowski, treasurer; DeDe Spear; Curt Swank, sponsor.



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Quiz

The quiz bowl had a building season with a 1-10 record. Membership in quiz bowl has increased a great deal in the three years New Prairie has been in competition. This year's captains are senior Steve Hansen and junior Terry Adrian. They compete against Adams, Clay, LaSalle, Marian, Mishawaka, Riley, St. Joseph, Washington, and Penn. There were four senior members; Steve Hansen, Kevin Kessler, Rich Lewis, and Lisa Taddeucci.

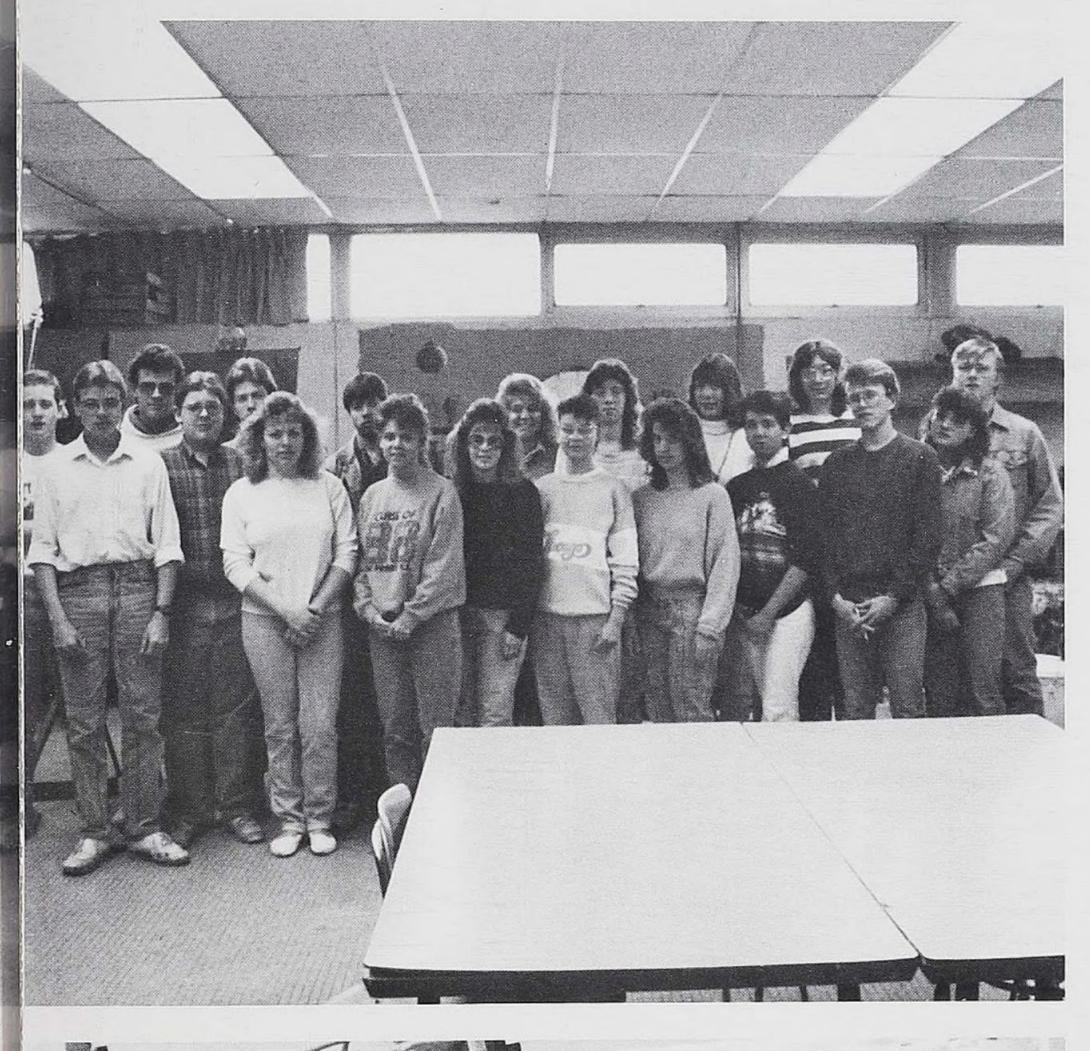
Junior Erin Murphy pauses for a picture before a quiz bowl match.





First row: Terry Adrian, Steve Hansen, Kevin Kessler, Dimitrius Panagopolous, Kevin Dixon Second row: Mrs. Lindley, Melissa Bromley, Low Wallen, Lisa Taddeucci, Natasha Rose, Teresa Taddeucci, Erin Murphy.

Club members include First row: Tom Eggleston, Robert Bauer, Annette Mayfield, ey Johnston, Kelly Miller, Shari Relford, Julie Derda, JoAnn Gabryszak, Tony Artist, ny Chesko. Second row: Bobby Elkins, Jamie Eggleston, Greg Straton, David Idesman, Jenny Melton, Kathy McKinley, Lori Wallen, Tammy Grove, Scott Peterson

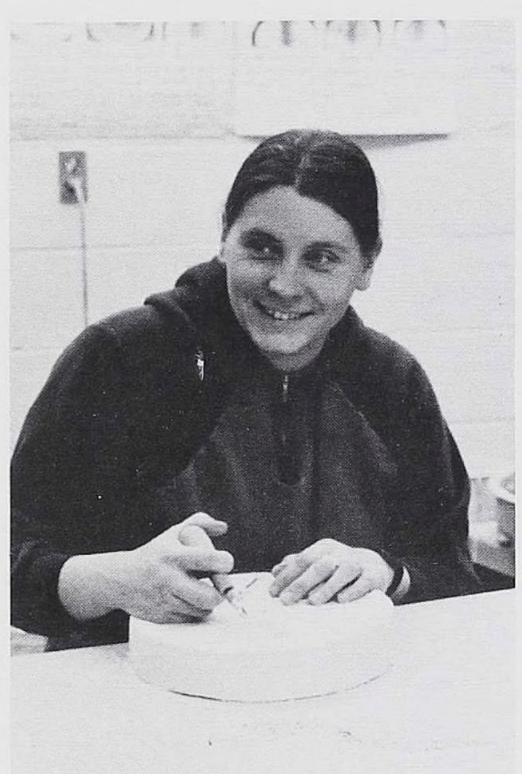




Yearly Trip Art Club

The Art Club participated in many activities this year such as making the scenery for the prom, intitled "On the Edge of Dream" and putting on an art show at Hamilton Grove. The club also took their yearly trip to the Chicago Art Institute.

Mrs. Higgins is the advisor of the Art Club this year. The elected officers include President; Carey Johnston, vice president; Lynn Crump, treasurer; Karen Horvath and secretary; Kathy McKinley.



Mrs. Tofthagen takes a time out for a picture while teaching ceramics.

Mrs. Higgins shows senior Donna Hull new painting techniques.



The FFA made many achievements during the year. Mary Michalski won the Hoosier Farmer Degree awarded in June at the State Convention at Purdue, and there are two judging teams going to state judging. The livestock team consisting of Clint Crump, Danny DeMeyer, and Greg Doms won the district for the first time since 1974. The poultry team consisting of Jessica Clark, Mary Michalski and Stan Michalski came in third at the district.





First row: Jessica Clark, Steve Kelley, Mark Jasinski, Dan DeMeyer, Tammy Rink. Second row: Jason Ashley, Scott Haverstock, John Good, Kenny Peterson, Mary Michalski, Wanda Livinghouse, Stan Michalski, Greg Doms, Clint Crump.

Mrs. Brasseur, the girls' service club sponsor, helps with their service projects.



Girls' Service Club

The Girls' Service Club completed many service projects this year. Their biggest project of the year is the Christmas food drive. They also put seasonal decorations around the school. At the basketball games the club sold concessions to the fans.



1st row: Bonnie Noftzer, Valarie McGuire 2nd row: Tammy Grove, Mrs. Brasseur, Marianne Edwards

Popular Club Spanish

This years Spanish Club continued to grow as it has in past years and because of this enthusiasm, the club was able to do many fun projects. They went to eat at Hacienda, had a Christmas party where they made pinatas and ate Spanish dishes and, finally, the Spanish Club planned a trip to Great America that they plan to take this summer. The Spanish Club is expecting to have a large club next year to continue the club's reputation.

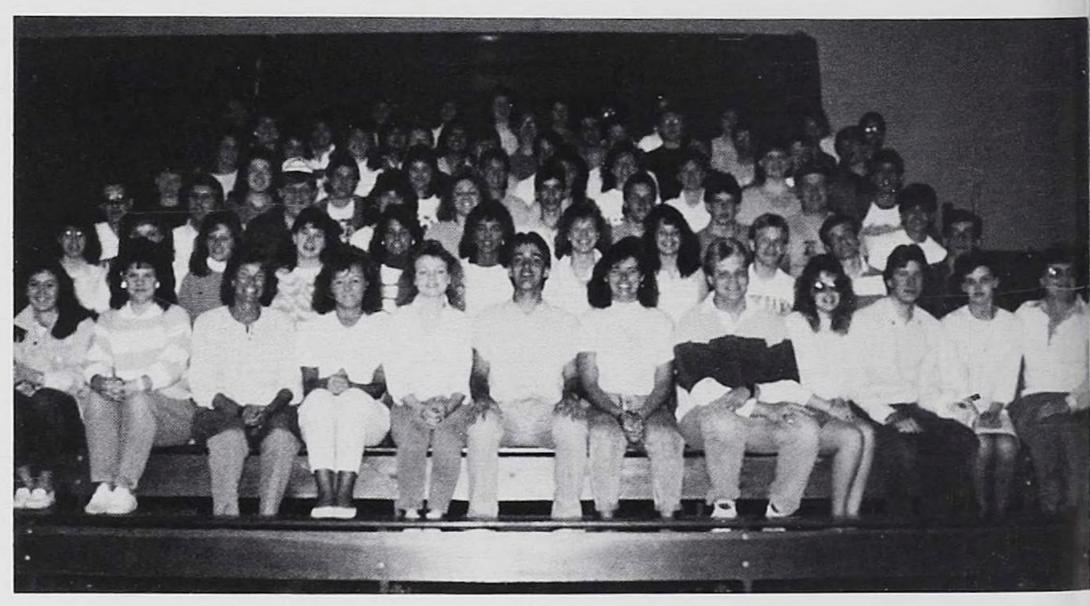
The week before Christmas Mrs. Plank's Spanish class made pinatas. Freshmen Erin Danielson and Kristie McIntyre display their own original creations.



After breaking her pinata, freshmen Amy McGowan decides to do a dance.

The Spanish Club gathered together for a rare group photo.



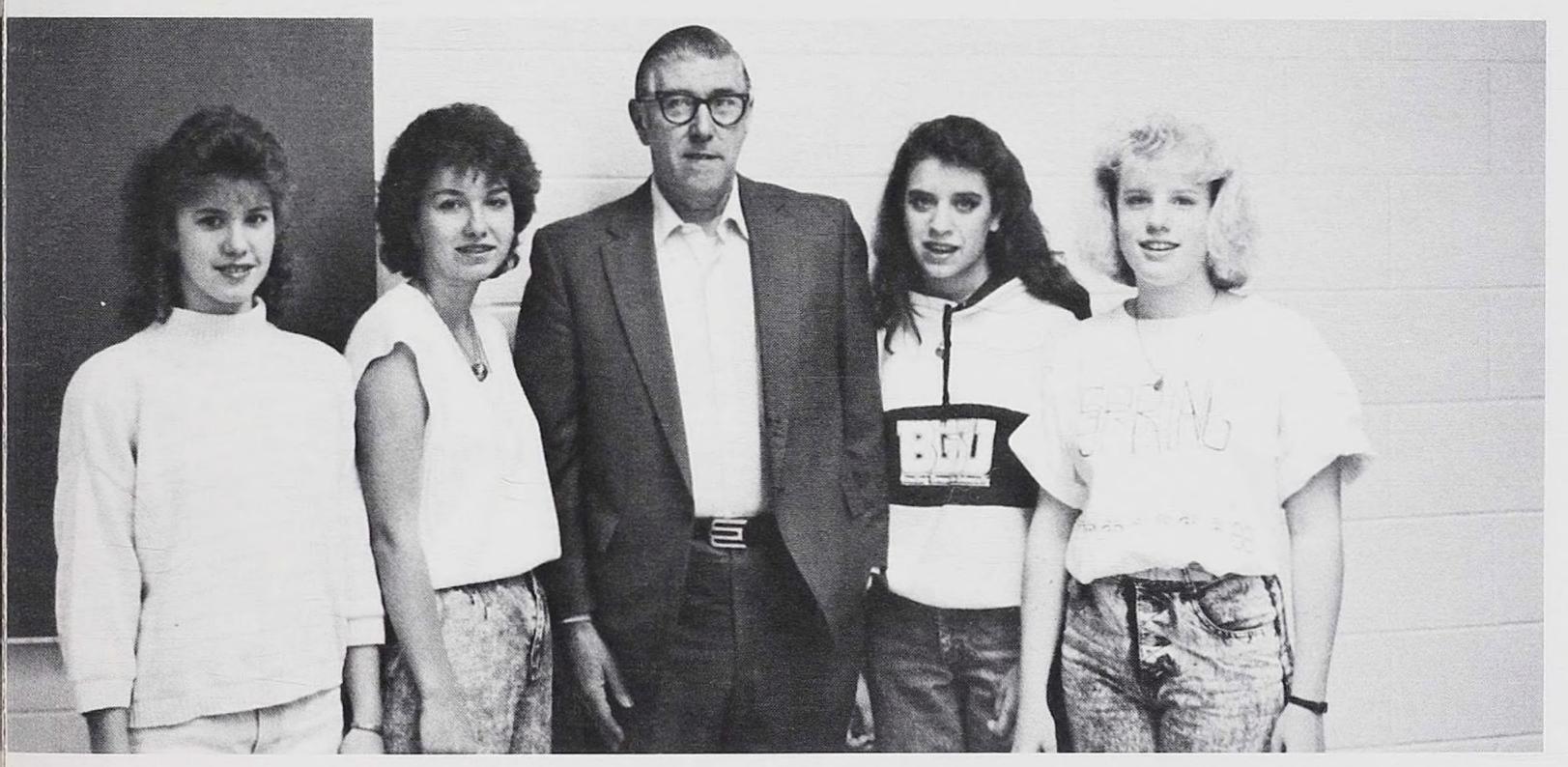


First row — Lisa McCoy, Virginia Casper, Julie Kata Second row — Tara Bessler, Kevin Dixon, Barb Morrow, Angel Yergler, Kari Stutzman Third row — Bobby Elkins, Tom Eggleston, Susan Gloss, sponsor Mr. Gloss, Karl Seering, Gary Browning.

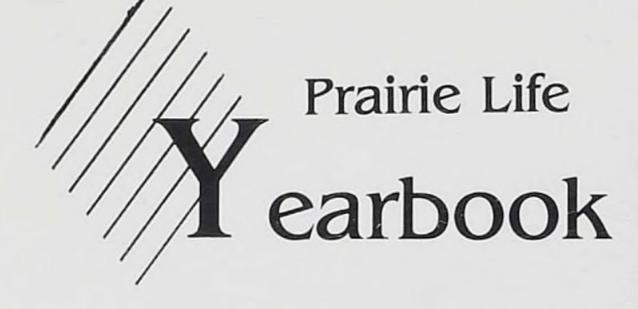




This years French Club got off to a slow start but as the year progressed they got organized and decided to take their annual trip to the french restaurant, Bon Appetit. The dinner went well and everyone went away from it a little more cultured.



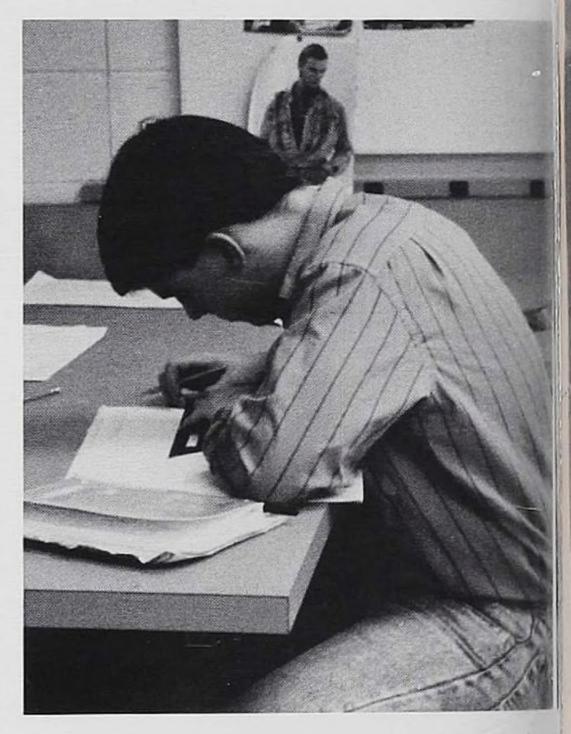
icers — vice-president Tara Bessler, treasurer Angle Yergler, sponsor Mr. Gloss, secretary Lisa McCoy, President Virginia Casper.



Constant work and deadlines kept the yearbook staff on their toes all year long. Anyone walking through the halls during fifth hour would likely be bombarded with questions for a quote in one story or another. Even though most of the staff was fairly inexperienced, work progressed rapidly under the direction of editors Virginia Casper and Danielle Coffman. The returning staff is looking forward to an exciting 1988-89 school year though the seniors will be greatly missed.



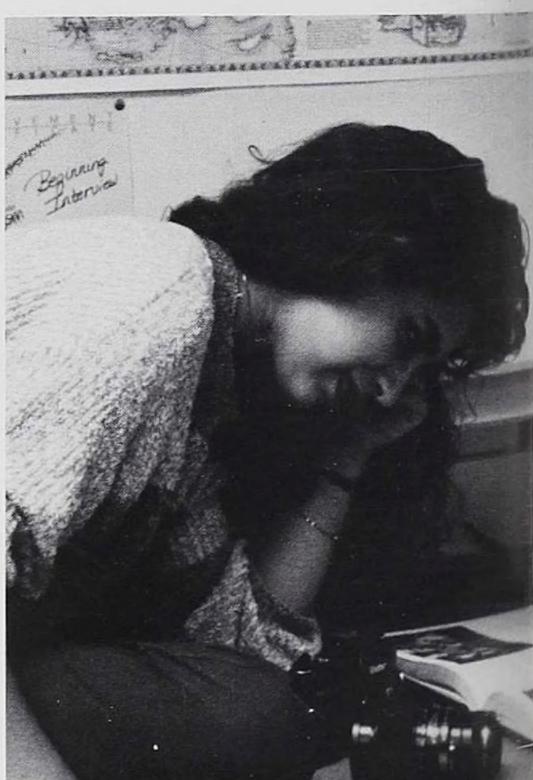




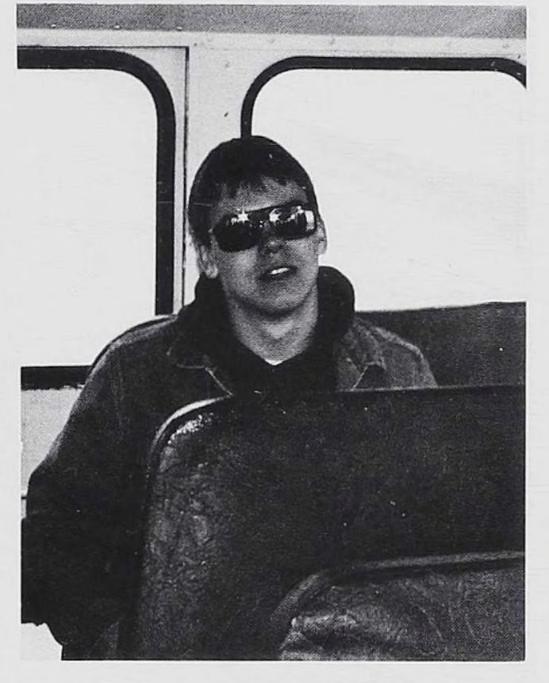
The yearbook staff included first row: Laurie Nelson, Lisa McCoy, Virginia Casper, Cindy Plank. Second row: Danielle Coffman, Annelise Carter, David Kirkham, Jim Lestinsky, Craid Dale, Fred Noens, Matt Martin



Advisor Miss Ann Kindt Middle right: Sports editor Dave Kirkham Photography editor Lisa McCoy



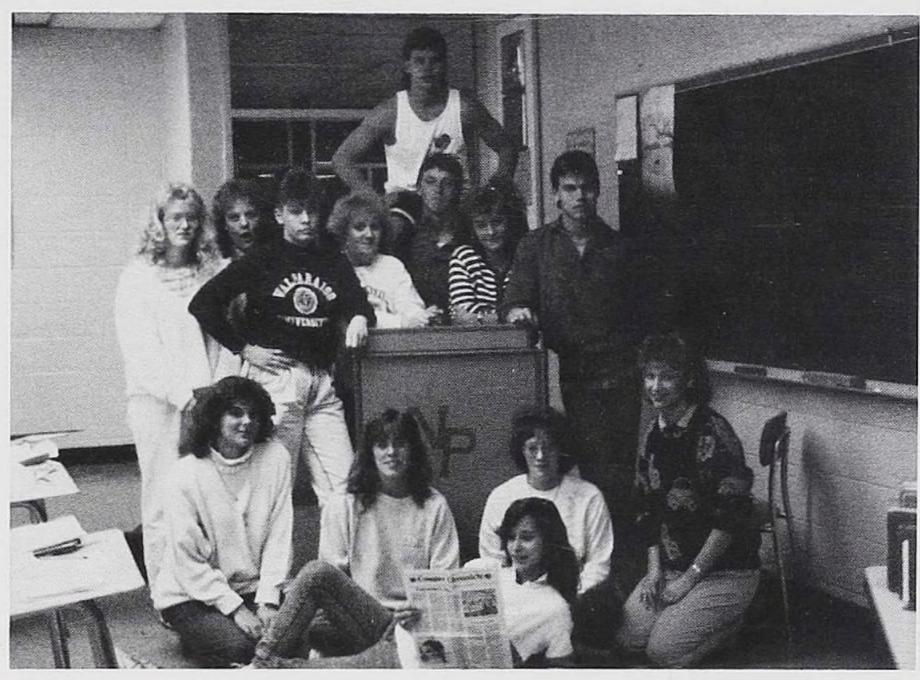




Cougar Chronicle Newspaper

The Journalism Department once again went to the presses this year, printing the school newspaper after a one year lay-off. This year's paper had the title *Cougar Chronicle* and adopted the 'real' newspaper look. Times were tough as the writers rushed to meet their deadlines, but all will agree the paper was fun.





Journalism students celebrate on the bus on their way home from a Ball State journalism workshop.

Front: Janel Zakrzewski, Cindy Plank, Kristin Ward, Carla Buehrer, Angie Conners. Back: Tammi Smith, Julie Gierke, Annelise Carter, Lynn Tarnow, Matt Martin, Jim Lestinsky, Stacey Siford, Fred Noens.



Circulation Manager Angie Conners and News Editor Janel Zakrzewski.

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Enthusiasm Reigns ED Club

The energetic pep club has undergone a facelift this past year. The members' main objective was to create enthusiasm throughout New Prairie. With the help of the Spirit Committee, cheerleaders, stuntmen, and students, pep club has had success filtering spirit into the school's atmosphere.

The officers for pep club were: president; Angie Yackus, vice president; Darrell Knowlton, secretary; Shannon Miller, treasurer; Kim

Lapcynski.

Pep club members include; first row:
Angie Yackus, Doug Saylor, Darrell
Knowlton, Kim Lapcynski, Carrie Rodgers,
Shani Whitteberry. Second row: Janelle
Crowl, Debbie Patterson, Sheila Nixon,
Sheryl Gilchrest, Julie Kata. Third row:
Beth Starr, Anissa Maxwell, Rachel
Bockover

Melissa Bromley and Ronda Ragowski paint a sign for hall decorations during football homecoming.

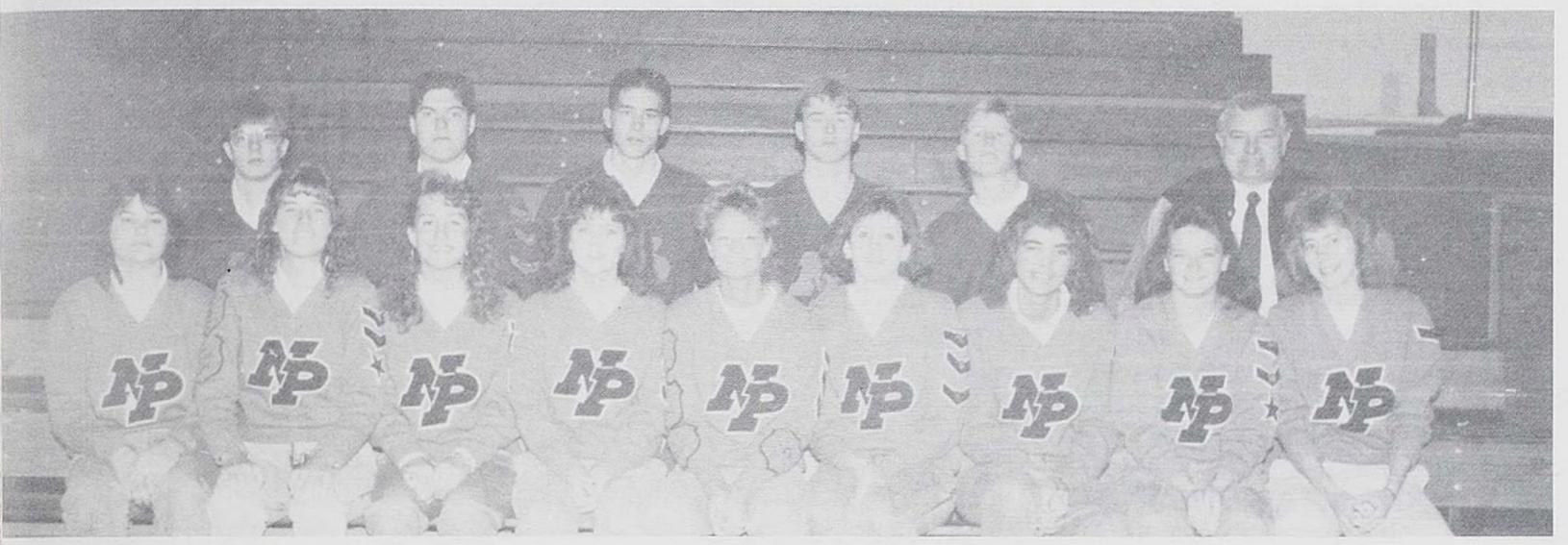




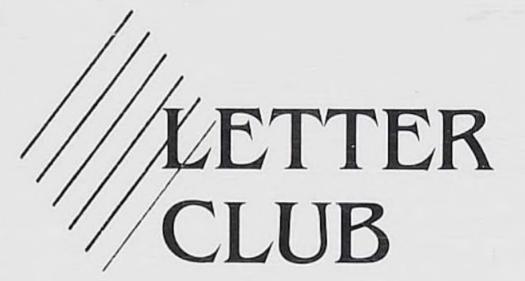


Varsity cheerleaders, Angie McGowan, Lori Hayhurst, Shannon Miller, Angie Yackus, Anissa Maxwell, and Kim Lapcynski practice during a junior varsity football game.

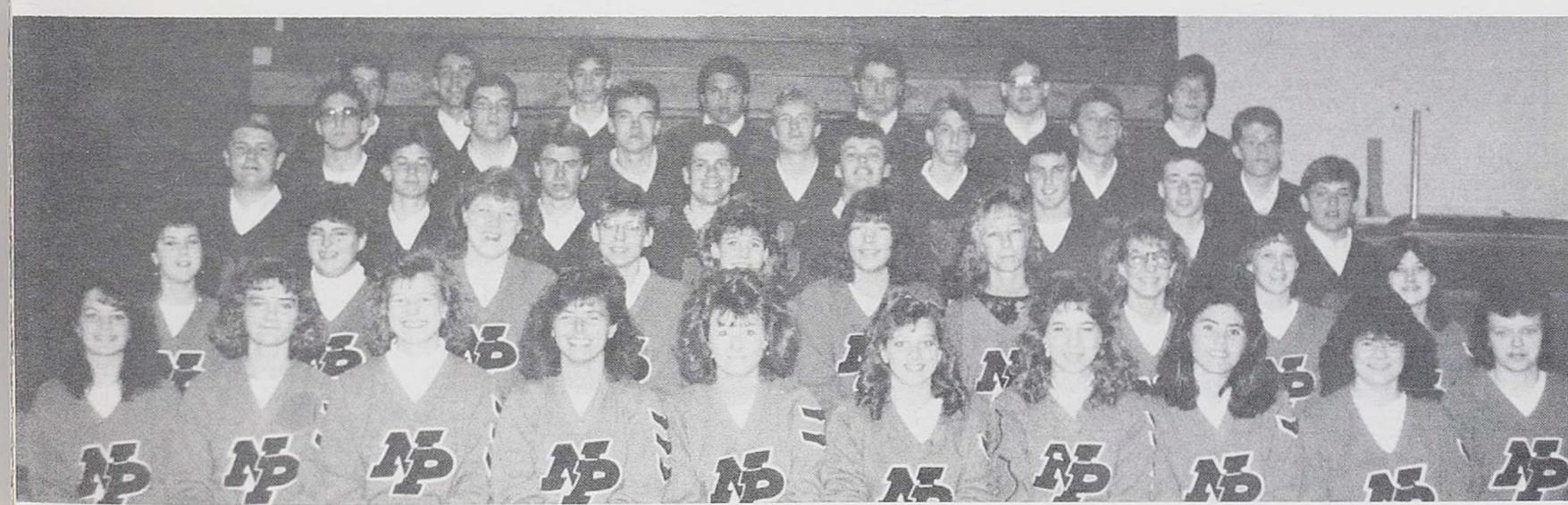
Senior letter winners First row: Wanda Livinghouse, Cindy Plank, Wendy Tobolski, Carey Johnston, Julie Golden, Karen Horvath, Julie Livinghouse, Theresa Cowgill, Danielle Coffman. Second row: Clint Crump, Jeff Harbart, Ryan Pesce, Rich Robinson, Tom Washburn, sponsor Mr. Tolmen.







Officers First row: Kristy Kauffman, Cindy Plank, Carey Johnston. Second row: Jason Lenig, Ryan Pesce, Bobby Johnson, sponsor Mr. Tolmen.



First row: Missy Pinkerton, Kristy Kauffman, Dana Kapkowski, Stacie Tolmen, Stacey Siford, Mellisa Bromley, Erin Murphy, Kathy Smith, Julie Rose, Mary Michalski. Second row: Mellisa Gresham, Karen Harbart, Bobbie Smith, Wendy Nelson, Alleshia VanLue, Lori Wallen, Laurie Nelson, Shellie Lapczynski, Lynn Crump, Valarie McGuire. Third row: Mike Krivak, Damon Swope, Joe Horvath, Darrell Knowlton, Jason Schroeder, Jason Lenig, Mike Robinson, Jeremy Schroeder. Fourth row: Bobby Johnson, Dave Kirkham, Fred Noens, John Smith, Dave DeNeve, Jim Lestinski, John Hooper. Fifth row: Mike McClaran, Jason Wykoff, Coley Pesce, Bob Overmyer, Rich Goraczewski, Karl Seering, Mark Zollman.



The Jazz Band gather in Mr. Belsaas' office after a practice.

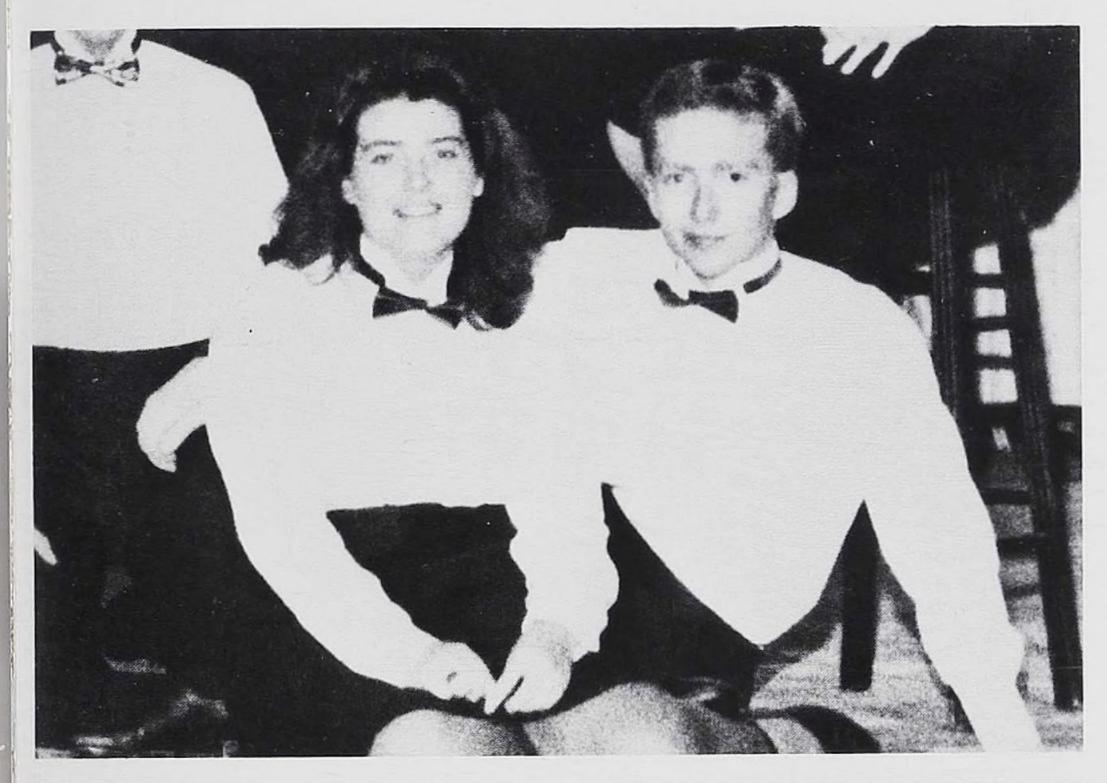
The Jazz Band recieved new costumes this year as well as a new drum set and other rhythm instruments for use in the band. They went on the annual 'Christmas Tour', performing at all the elementary schools, the junior high, and Maple Lane Mall. Jazz Band received a second in very tough group 3 stage competition at ISSMA contest. They also gave spring performances at the high school and the Olive Elementary ice cream social. Though losing five seniors, Mark Belasas and his band hope to have continued success in the future.





1st row — Jennie Murnane, Nick Fickel, Mike Tuszynski, Jackie Krueger, Ron Rybicki. 2nd row — Kent Jensen, Andy Koselke, Brent Loucks, John Bolakowski, Steve Kelley, Chris Humbarger, Terry Adrian, Steve Stafford, Noah Fickel, Dan McCoy, Andy Myer, Phil Horvath, Jeff Harbart, Carla Scott, Sarah Buehrer.

Senior Stefanie Lenig and junior Nick Fickel sit on stage during the swing choir concert.





Under the leadership of Donna Mitchell, the New Prairie Swing Choir once again came back with many new members and many excellent songs. The Golden Blues earned a first place at state swing choir contest and achieved a record number of performances. They all look forward to next years swing choir and feel that it will be better than ever.



1st row — Angie Kafka

2nd row — Crissy Groff, Nick Fickel, Stefanie Lenig, Angel Yergler

3rd row — Brian Covert, Tyra Albertson, Julie Lenig, Mrs. Mitchell, Chuck DePoy, Tootie Robinson, Barb Morrow, Matt Hooten

4th row — Bill Perz, Shellie Williamson, Shelly Lapcznski, Gina Morgan, Randy Livinghouse, John Higgins.

5th row — Alvie Ellenwine, Kevin Dixon, Carla Scott, Laura Kennedy, Mark Zollman, Mark Dillon, Beth Adams, Dan Page.

New Club Formed Karate

Mrs. Tofthagen found that there were kids here at New Prairie interested in learing karate. As a result, there is now a karate club. Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon right after school until four, Mus. Tofthagen, a karate instructor at the YMCA in south Bend, teaches the seven members of the club a Japanese style of jarate known as Kyokushin Kai. The average meeting consists of training on the basic techniques, such as, blocking, kicking, punching, stances and strikes. Members also learn kata, a memorized series of techniques, and sparring, or free-fighting. Although the work-outs sometimes get very intense, the style Mrs. Tofthagen teaches is not involved with the sport aspect of karate. According to Mrs. Toftgagen, "The main benefits of the study of martial arts are self-discipline, physical conditioning, improved self-image and ultimately a strong sporit."

First row: Randy Livinghouse, Scot Peterson, Ron Rybicki, Instructor Miss Tofthagen. Second row: Jamie Eggleston, Cindy Plank, Shawn Peterson, Kevin Luhrson. Not pictured: Peter Leason, Mark Grall.

Karate Club members practice some moves after school.





Sophomore Jamie Eggleston and Miss Tofthagen do some kicks.





Drama Comeback Drama

Under the direction of Miss Kindt, the drama club and class has made its way back into the halls of New Prairie. The highlight for the class was their Christmas presentation of "All Through the House". After several difficulties during their presentation, they were able to make a comeback and show the audience their true talents.

Brian Covert and Greg Chambers exchange handshakes as Ray Radtke savors the moment in the play "All Through the House."



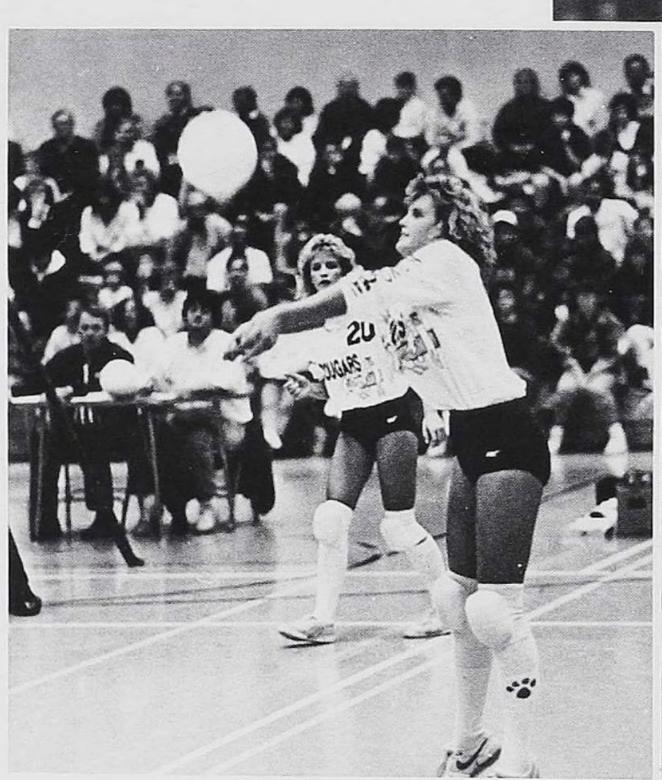


Drama club members include from left: Julie Kata; Sheila Nixon, treasurer; Angie Yackus, vice president; Chris Dillon, president; Jamie Eggleston; Miss Kindt, sponsor.

Theresa Reed and Deann Scott rehease a pantomime during Drama class.

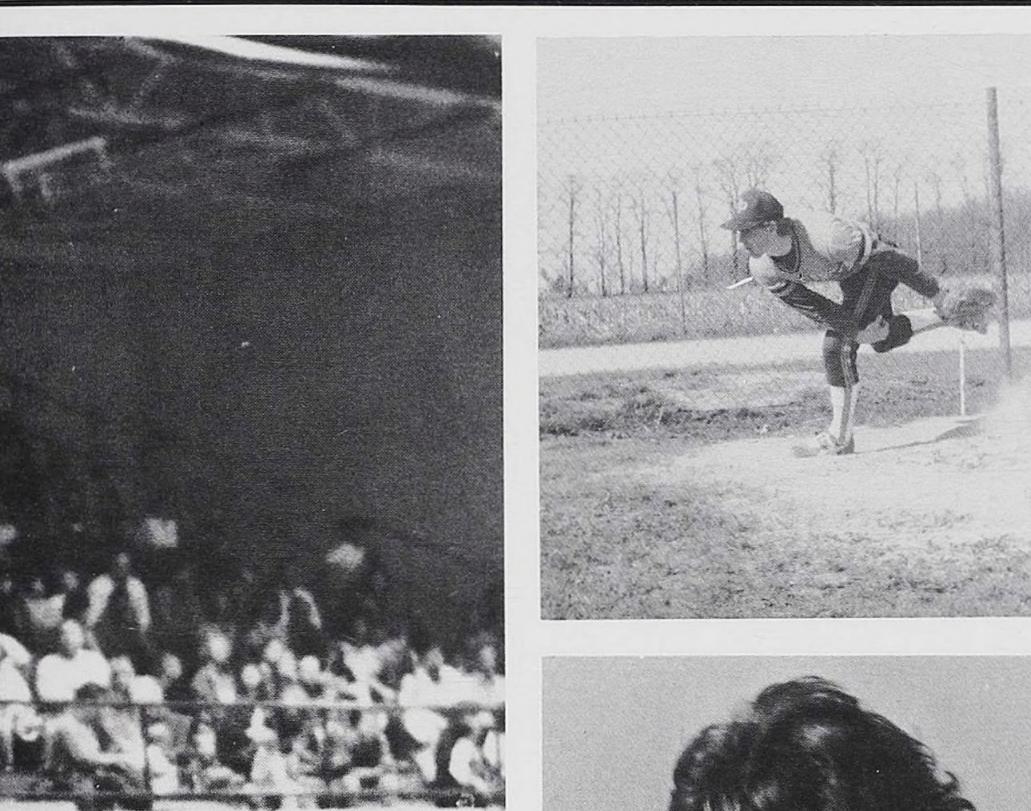
SPORTS

Not only do students at New Prairie excel at academics but sports as well. The Cougar Gridders had one of its finest seasons while ending it sectional runner-up. The Cougar Cagers had a thrilling win over Rogers for the second year in a row. The boys' cross country team was ranked as high as third in the state. Then to end up the year the baseball team had its greatest season ever as a state-ranked power. A winning tradition has been started at New Prairie and hopes of it continuing in the future look promising.

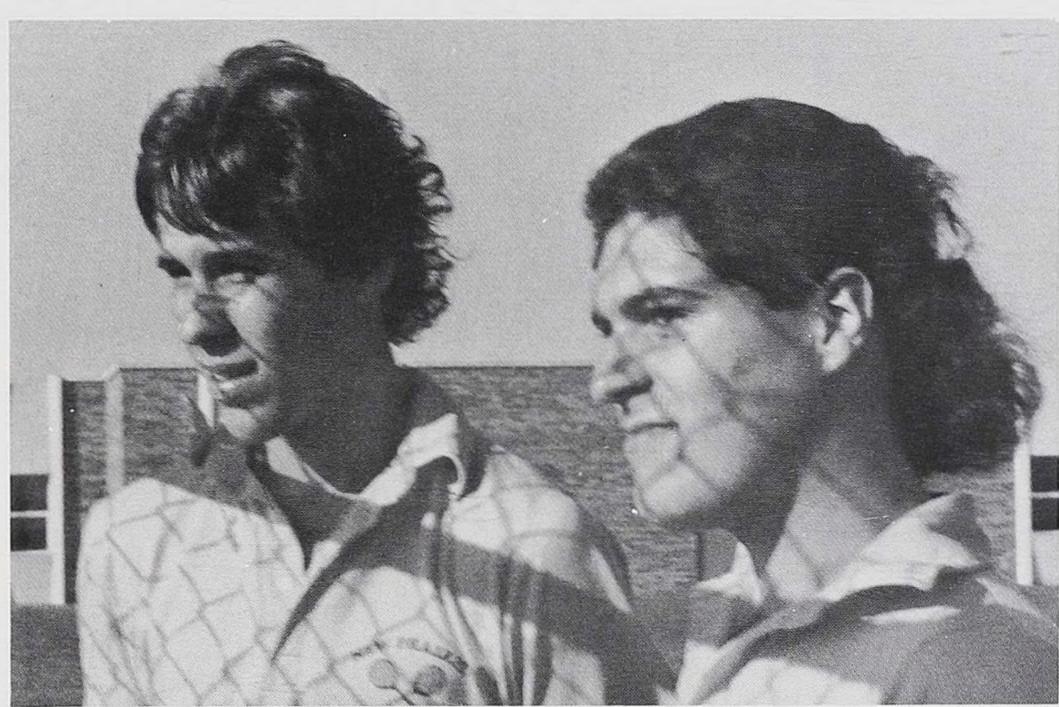


Sophomore Kim Golden fires a hit against the opposition as senior Julie Golden watches.

During the New Prairie vs. LaPorte game senior guard Tom Washburn goes for two as LaPorte players look on in awe.



New Prairie's own Rich Robinson warms up before a baseball game.



Two varsity tennis players, seniors Steve Schroeder and Jeff Harbart, watch teammate Brian Witkowski playa match.

Watch out! It's the tough members of the N.P. track team. Juniors Paul Hay, Chance Boniface, Matt Martin, and freshmen Noah Fickel.



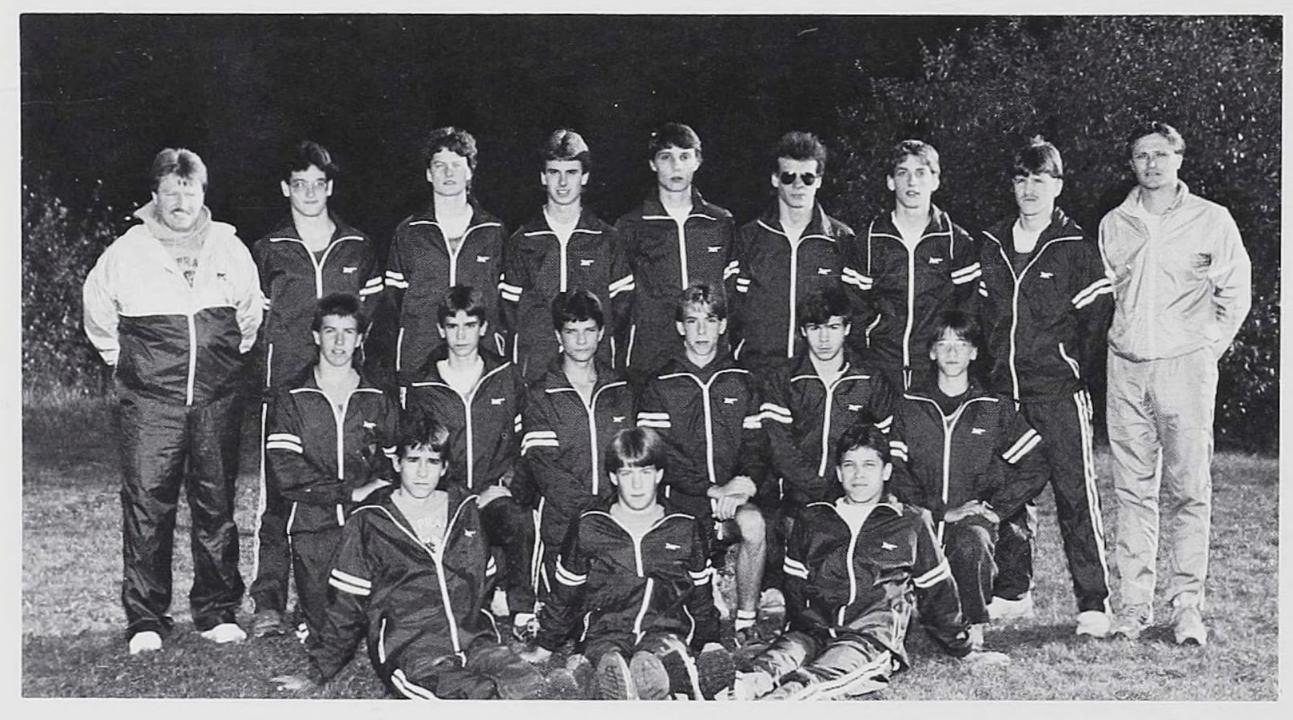
Penn Hokum		
Karem Invit.		3rd of 8
M.C. Rogers	W	18-43
Westville	W	16-47
S.B. Washington	W	15-50
Marquette	W	15-50
M.C. Elston	W	15-50
S.B. Clay	W	17-39
Mishawaka	W	20-35
Penn	W	16-45
St. Joe	W	15-48
LaPorte	W	17-41
Portage	L	29-28
New Prairie Invit.		2nd of 19
Glenn	W	15-48
So. Central	W	16-47
Marian	W	15-46
Culver Military Inv	it.	1st of 10
S.B. Riley	W	19-36
St. Joe	W	15-50
Elk. Memorial	W	23-33
Clay	W	19-38
Manchester	W	6th of 24
S.B. LaSalle	W	16-46
LaPorte	W	15-45

The 1987 Cougar Pac Men finished their awesome season with a 19-1 record. The team was ranked fifth going into the semi-state. They finished first in the conference meet placing five runners in the top ten. The boys placed first in sectionals, first in regionals, and fifth in semistate.

Dave DeNeve was MVP. Coley Pesce and Mike McClaran were both named MIP. Captains for 1987 were Ryan Pesce, Ben Milcarek and Kyle Young.

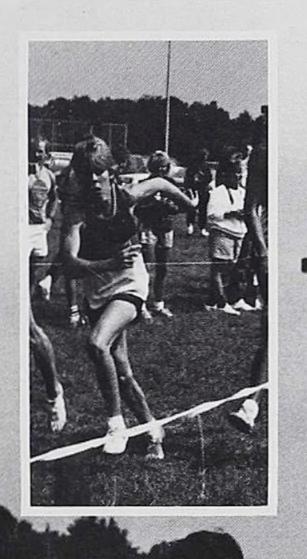
The Lady Cats finished their season with an 8-11 record. Cindy Plank was named most valuable and placed first in the NSC meet. Captains for 1987 were Rachael Tukos, Wendy Plank, and Cindy Plank.





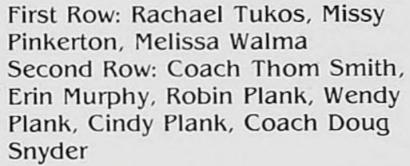




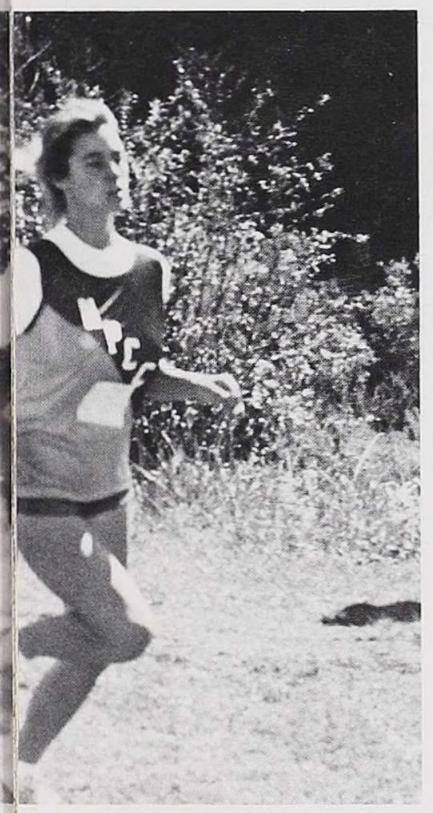


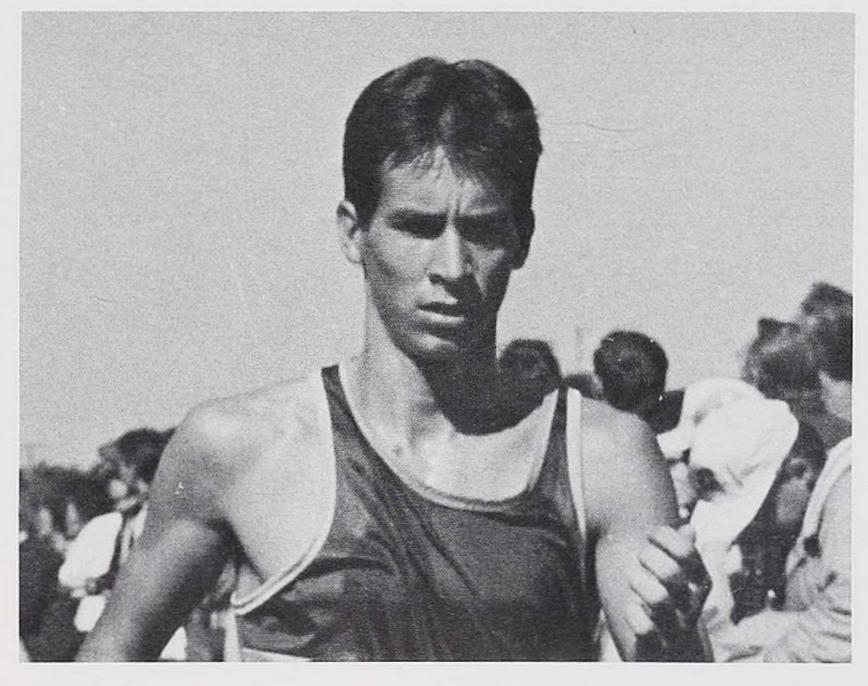
relay. First Row: Rachael Tukos, Missy Pinkerton, Melissa Walma

Ryan Pesce tags off to Dave Deneve during the Hokum Karem









Wendy Plank, with sister Cindy not far behind, leads the pack for the Lady Cats.

Senior Ryan Pesce finishes strong for the Pac Men.

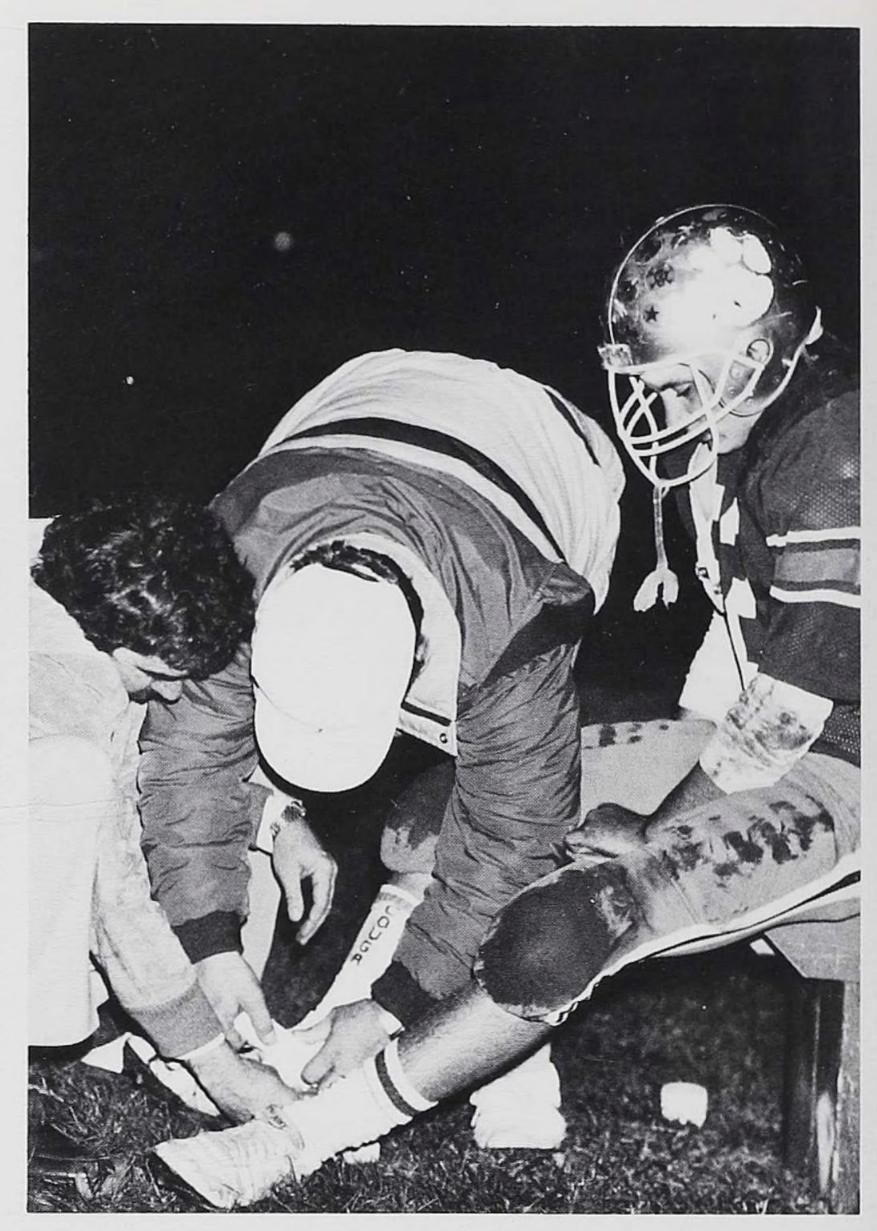
Rogers	W	21-37
S.B. Washington	L	29-26
Hobart	W	23-32
M.C. Elston	L	32-24
S.B. Clay	L	31-24
Mishawaka	W	26-29
Penn	L	45-17
St. Joe	L	32-23
LaPorte	L	28-27
Portage	L	39-16
New Prairie Invit.		5th of 16
Glenn	W	20-38
So. Central	W	15-50
Marian	W	23-33
Glenn	W	20-38
So. Central	W	15-50
Marian	W	23-33
S.B. Riley	W	27-28
St. Joe	L	33-24
Elk. Memorial	L	40-21
Clay	L	35-22
S.B. LaSalle	W	15-50
LaPorte	L	31-26

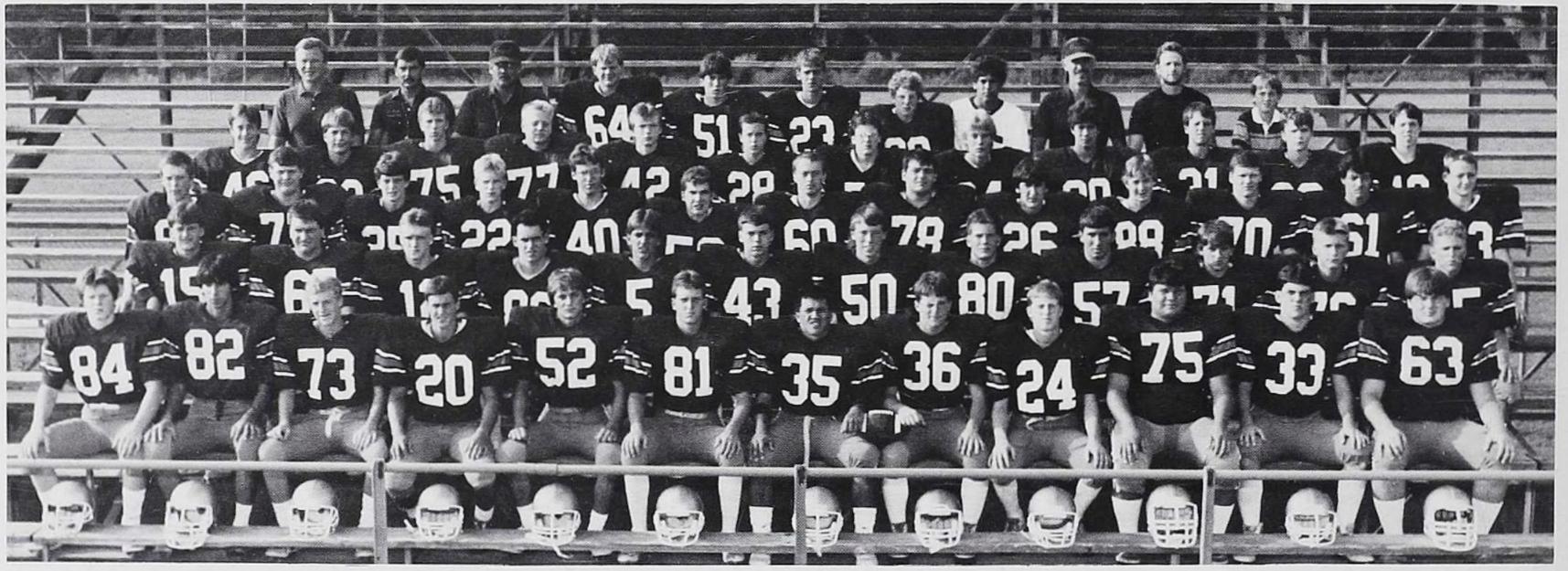
Gridders Prove Tough ootball

The Cougar Gridders started their season off with a one point loss and ended their season with a one point loss. But between these heart breaking losses, victory was sweet. The Cougars finished their season 7-4. The defense always played tough, and the offense, led by junior signal caller Jason Schroeder, proved to be a powerful attack on many occasions. Finishing second in the conference and sectional runner-up, the coaches and the returning players are looking forward to next season. A small but powerful senior class will be greatly

missed. Award winners this year were David Hill, prep team; Jason Schroeder, sportsmanship; Jason Lenig, most improved back; Tom Washburn, most valuable back and 100% helmet award; Jim Lestinsky, most improved lineman; and Payge Jonas, most valuable lineman. Several Cougars were named to the all-conference teams and all-area teams. Captains for 1987 were seniors Bob Overmyer, Geno Klute, Tom Washburn, and junior Jason Schroeder.

Team doctor Inabnit and Coach Tolmen wrap Payge Jonas' foot during the Homecoming game.





FRONT ROW: George Farlie, Chris Mroczkiewiez, John Smith, Jason Lenig, Payge Jonas, Bobby Johnson, Bob Overmyer, Doug Klute, Tom Washburn, Stacy Wind, Dave Kirkham, Tom Pietrzak.

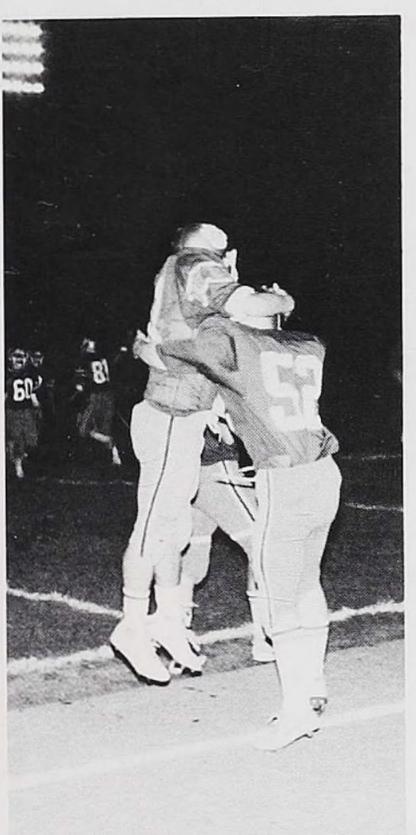
SECOND ROW: Jason Schroeder, Rich Goraczewski, Dan Chelbowski, Mike Baird, Jason Wykoff, Fred Noens, Jim Lestinsky, Darrell Knowlton, Ryan Strauch, Jeremie Schroeder, Jeff Barnes, Russ Gelow.

THIRD ROW: Andy Miles, Mike Krivak, Pat Williams, James Favere, Geoff Lucas, Mike Ackerman, Mike Taylor, Russ Shankland, Cliff Smith, Mike Snyder, Jim Lewis, Chuck DePoy, Toby Orcutt.

FOURTH ROW: Greg Snyder, Greg Miller, Charles Rogers, Jamie Jonas, Chuck Glen, Koby Moody, Mark Talerico, Brandon Bitterle, Wayne Brewer, Bill Kraus, Nick VanSchoyek, Matt Flagg.

FIFTH ROW: Asst. Coach Keith Kauffman, Asst. Coach Tim Moffitt, Head Coach Mike Jennings, Mark Kreske, Ron Strauch, Dave Hill, Jonathan Stutzman, Kenny Peterson, Manager, Asst. Coach Dan Shead, Asst. Coach Bill Spier, Water Boy Ben Jennings.





Spirits were "high" during the homecoming game against John Glenn:

C.J. discusses an upcoming play to junior Jason Schroeder.

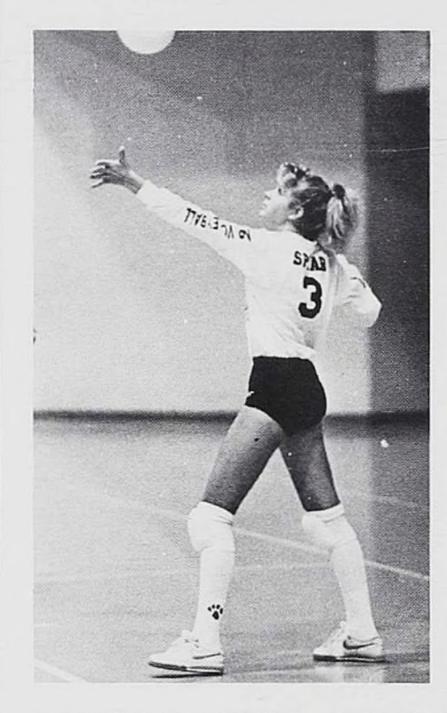
Senior Geno Klute rumbles around the corner for a big gain.

LaPorte	L	12-13 (OT)
Triton	W	14-12
Culver	W	41-6
Marian	L	13-7
LaVille	W	27-12
Jimtown	L	22-0
Knox	W	19-14
John Glenn	W	35-13
Sectional		
Northridge	W	14-7
Hammond Gavit	W	30-6
Northwood	L	19-18

Future Looks Bright Olleyball

Bremen Westville Knox S.B. Clay W S.B. LaSalle John Glenn M.C. Marquette S.B. Adams M.C. Rogers Dekalb Concord Mish. Marian LaPorte Jimtown Triton Culver S.B. St. Joe S.B. Washington LaVille Sectional M.C. Marquette W M.C. Rogers

The 1987 girl's volleyball squad finished their season with a 6-15 record. Future seasons look bright as many Cougars will be returning for next year's team. Included in this season was an exciting win over S.B. Clay and a trip to the sectional final.

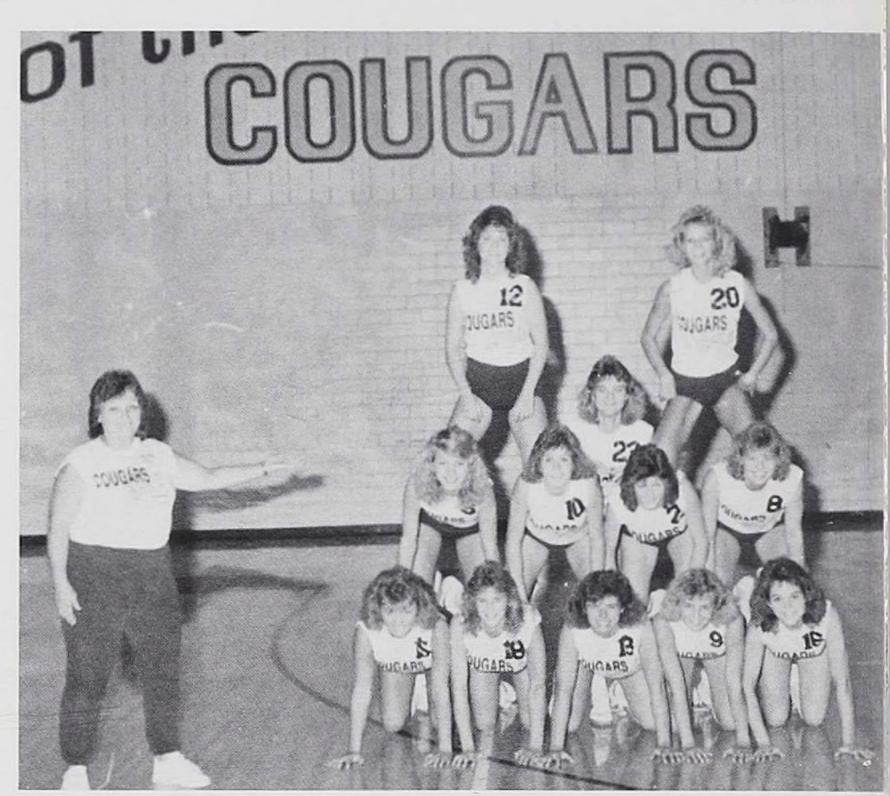


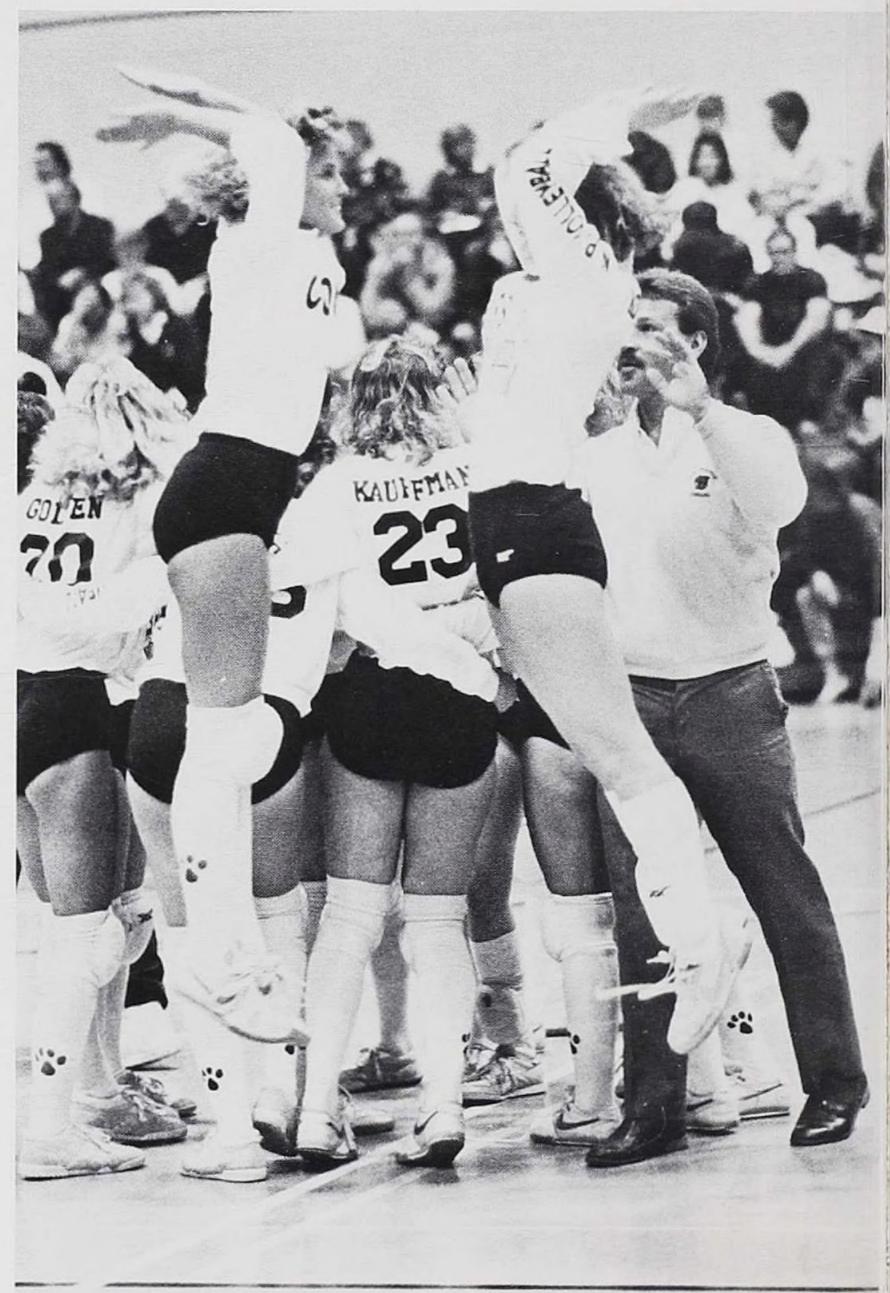
Spear-o goes for the ace at the LaPorte sectional



1st row: Laurie Johnson, Julie Lenig, Sally Maesch, Ranell Strauch, Stacie Tolmen, 2nd row: Coach Brian Lindorf, Jenny Herof, Tammy Williamson, Manager Cheryl Hosang, Kathy Horvath, Pam Hartz

1st row: Coach Chris Cortier, Stacey Siford, Deb McAtee, Stacie Tolmen, Kim Golden, Kari Johnson, 2nd row: DeDe Spear, Karen Horvath, Ranell Strauch, Dana Kopkowski, 3rd row: Carey Johnston, Kristi Kauffman, Julie Golden





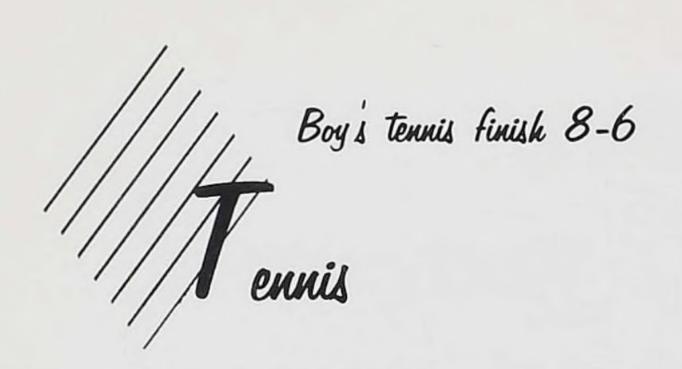


The girls' softball team finished a rough and tumble season with a disappointing 1-12 record. No conference school has a girls softball team so the competition was rough. The girls always played their hardest and the hard work paid off against Washington for their only win. The team was young and hopes of it improving in the future look bright. MVP for the girls was Kristi Kauffman. MIP went to Julie Derda, and Stacey Siford, along with Shayna Fetterer, was named captain for the season.

Elston	L	1-26
Mishawaka	L	1-12
Marian	L	6-15
Washington	W	12-11
Clay	L	3-6
St. Joe	L	0-17
Marquette	L	8-9
River Valley	L	3-12
LaSalle	L	1-7
Rogers	L	8-13
Adams	L	0-10
LaPorte	L	6-14
LaPorte	L	1-19

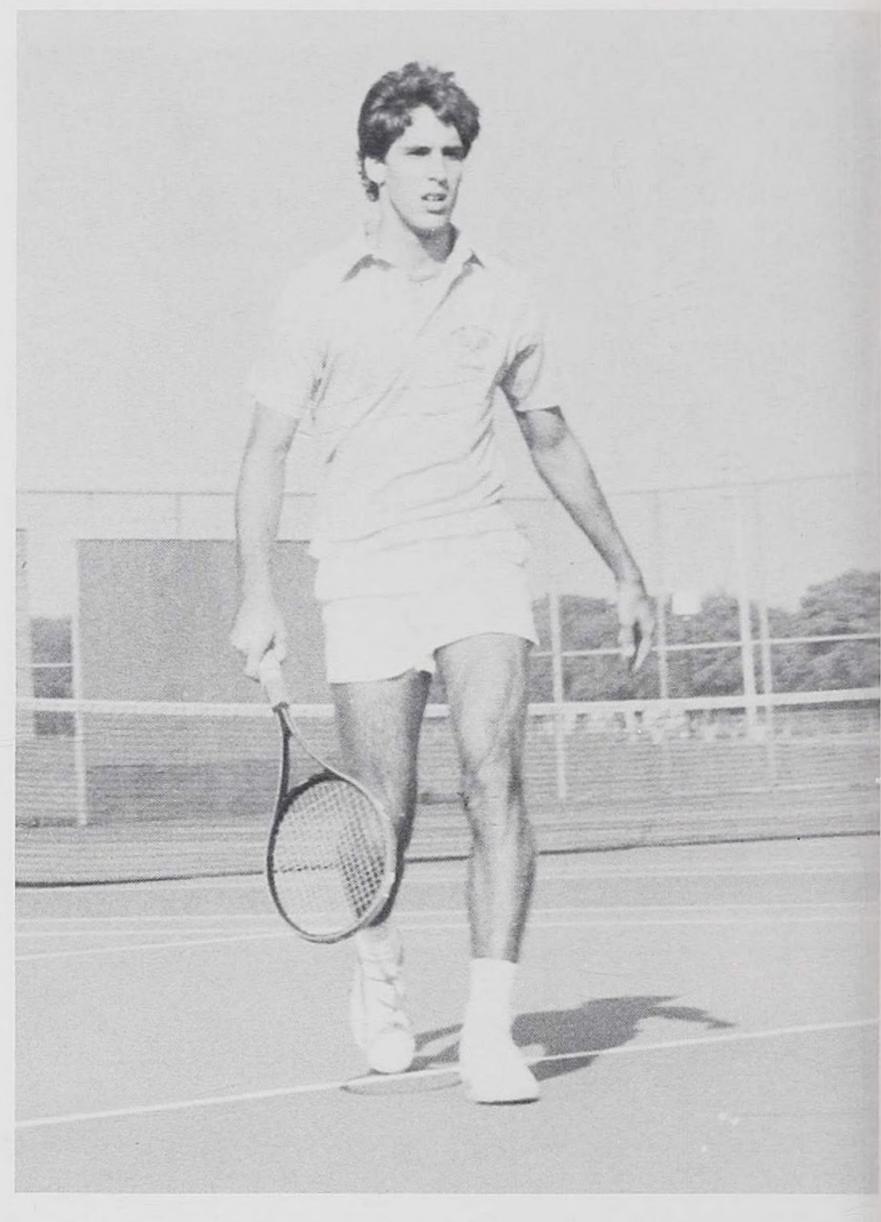


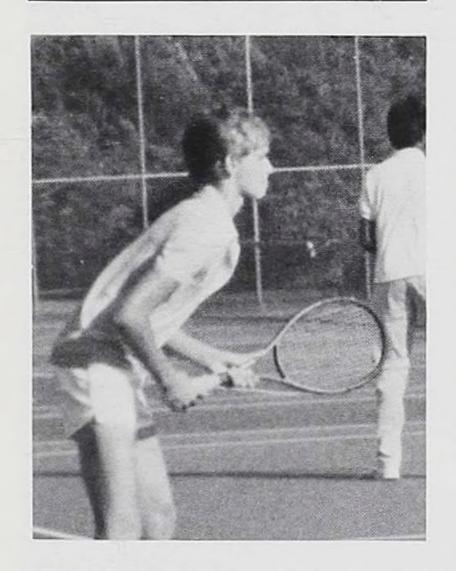
First row: Susan Sullivan, Amy Harness, Kim Golden, Stacey Siford, Shayna Fetterer, Gloria Williamson, Kristi Kauffman. Second row: Mgr. John Frantom, Coach, Lisa Burnett, Julie Derda, Bridgette Joslin, Tammy Williamson, Jennifer Herod, Cora Carlton, Cheryl Gilchrist, Sally Maesch.



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Bremen	L	0-5
St. Joseph	L	1-4
Marquette	L	2-3
Washington	W	4-1
Jimtown	L	2-3
LaSalle	W	3-2
Triton	W	3-2
Culver	W	5-0
Knox	W	4-1
Rogers	W	3-2
LaVille	W	3-2
John Glenn	L	0-5
Sectional	1-W	4-1
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With only two out of seven returning from the 1986 team, Coach Tim Eldridge took his mighty Cougars to an 8-6 season. The team placed third in the conference. Brian Witkowski showed his version of Wimbledon by being named allconference, sectional champ, team MVP, and along with Steve Schroder and Rich Robinson, he was one of the tri-captains. Rich Robinson was named honorable mention all-conference and received the team's Charlie Hustle award. The future looks bright for freshman Jason Colanese. Jason was named most improved player. Coach Eldridge is looking forward to next year and looks for great accomplishments from his returning players.





Sophomore Damon Swope waits anxiously for his opponent to serve.

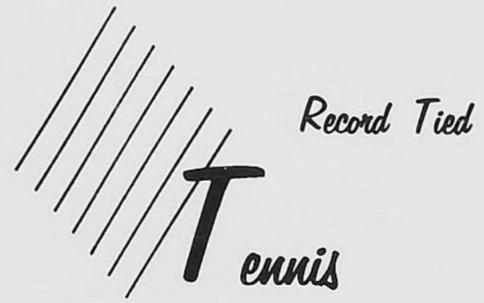
Upper-right: Senior Brian Witkowski walks off the court after one of his hard fought victories.



The tennis team includes: first row from left: John Hooper, Jason Colanese, Brian Witkowski, Russ Allegrette, Steve Schroder, Matt Martin. Second row: Mike Robinson, Jeff Harbart, Rich Robinson, Damon Swope, Jon Schroder, Coach Tim Eldridge.

Senior Danielle Coffman at no. 1 singles returns a serve against Rogers.





L.	1-4
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	4-1
W	5-0
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The girls' tennis team had an improving season with a 5-8 record, tying the record for most wins a New Prairie girls' tennis team has ever had. This years co-captains were Theresa Cowgill and Danielle Coffman. DeDe Spear was named MVP and Janelle Crowl MIP. Danielle Coffman and DeDe Spear were named to the all-conference team while Theresa Cowgill and Jackie Krueger received honorable mentions. With five returning letter winners, next year looks to be promising.



Left to Right — Theresa Cowgill, Jackie Krueger, Angie McGowan, Danielle Coffman, DeDe Spear, Janelle Crowl, Virginia Casper, Shannan Miller



Senior Virginia Casper grimaces as she returns a ball.



The 1988 golf team finished their season with a hard earned 7-9 record, while the much improved J.V. compiled an impressive 6-2 season. Coach Belsaas worked his team hard and it seemed to pay off. Four out of the six letterman were underclassmen. This shows for possible success in the future. Tom Pietrzak was named to the All-Conference team and also picked up MVP honors for the Cougars and was named their captain. MIP for the Cougar golfers was Chris Peterich.

John Glenn	W	180/179
Mishamaka	L	163/179
Marian	L	171/179
LaSalle	W	191/184
Oregon Davis	W	200/161
LaLumierre	W	186/185
Chesterton	L	188/195
Marquette	L	170/173
Jimtown	W	195/164
LaVille	W	164/159
Washington	W	179/168



First row: Geoff Lucas, Charlie Sczilagi, Eric Tobolski, Charles Manzuk, Kris Mann. Second row: Eric Richardson, Gary Browning, Jeff Akin, Dan Page, Chris Peterich, Jeff Workman, Matt Stock. Third row: Coach Mark Belsaas, Greg Miller, Jeff Buss, Tom Pietrzak, Bobby Johnson, Joel Horvath, Gabriel Buss.



Eagerness spurs team

Golf

Young but eager to learn, this year's golf team finished 1-9. Coach Linda Miller was looking at this year as a building session for years to come. She was extremely pleased with their attitude. The team never gave up and they were always willing to work hard to make themselves better. This hard work proved to be helpful. The team finished 52 strokes less than last year. The team had four sophomores and four freshmen. Because of their youth, Coach Miller is looking forward to next year. Sophomore Sherri Perz dominated the green. She was named captain, MVP and best putter. Julie Olbur rounded off the awards by being named most improved player.

LaPorte	L	226/271
Marquette	L	182/271
Hobart	L	250/257
Knox	W	255/229
LaVille	L	224/251
LaVille	L	222/255
Valporasio	L	187/238
Rogers	L	212/312
Elston	L	194/269
Marquette	L	193/305

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Upper left: Brenda Peterson, Kelly Miller, Karen Harbart, Missy Collins, and Sherri Perz take time out from practice.

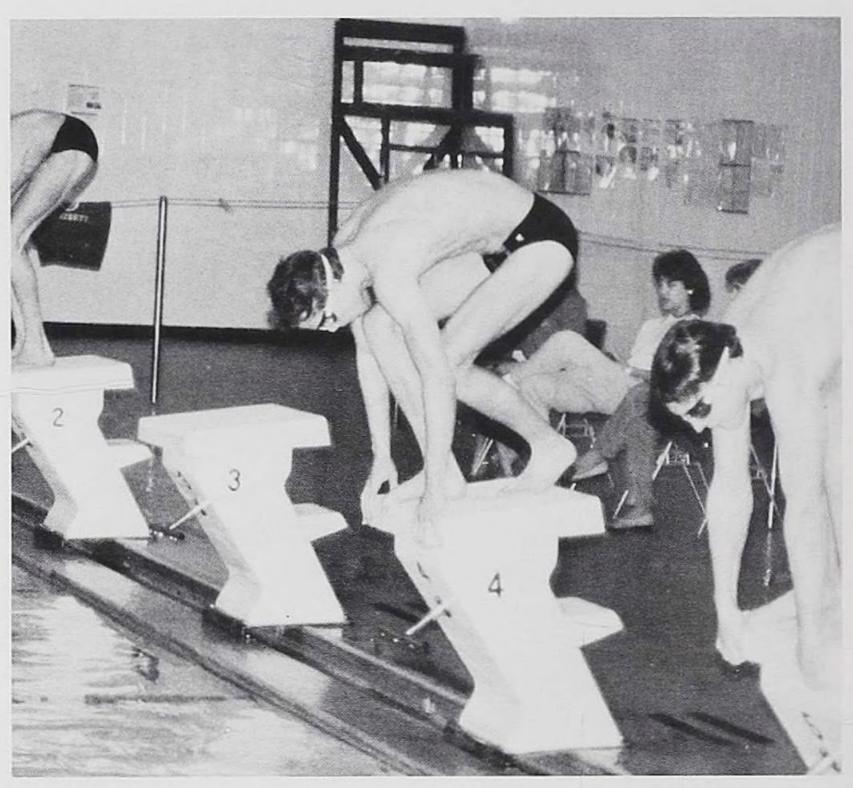
First row from left: Julie Olbur, Jenny Parsons, Julie Versmesse; Second: Coach Linda Miller, Missy Collins, Kelly Miller, Karen Harbart, Brenda Peterson, Sherri Perz.



Capin' Lode prepares for the start of the 50 yard freestyle.

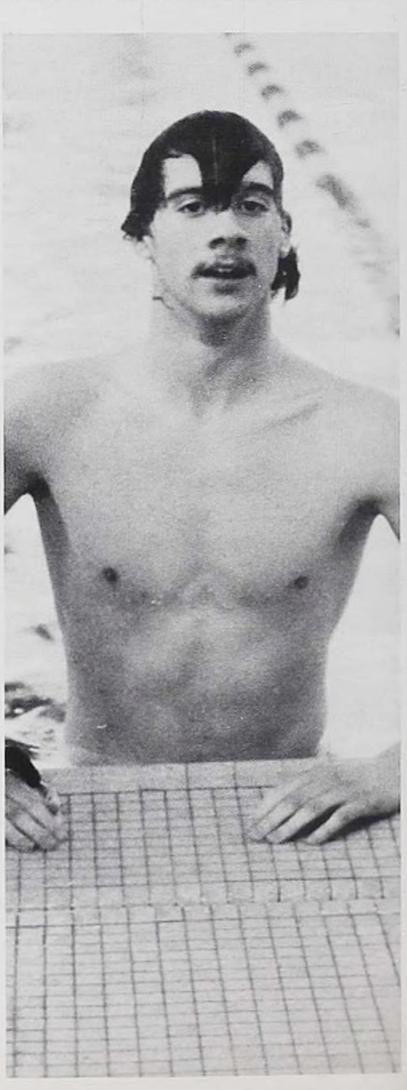
The 1987-88 boys swim team accomplished many feats throughout the season. They compiled a fine 6-9 record which stands as the second best in the school's history. Included in those six victories was a first time ever win over M.C. Rogers. Another highlight of the season was the 400 free relay team of Darrell Knowlton, Fred Noens, Doug Hynek, and Tom Lode qualifying for the sectinal finals, another first for the school. Next year's team will try to continue this sudden winning record.

Adams	L 104-67
Knox	W 116-50
Elston	L 113-59
Northwood	L 107-65
North Judso	n W 127-
	29
Concord	L 110-56
Mishwaka	L 104-65
Plymouth	L 121-51
Rogers	W 88-84
Knox	W 118-48
Washington	L 87-81
Bremen	L 86-85
St. Joe	W 52-31
Marian	W 65-14
LaPorte	L 119-52









Doug Hynek shows off his nice "doo" after swimming the 100 yard butterfly.

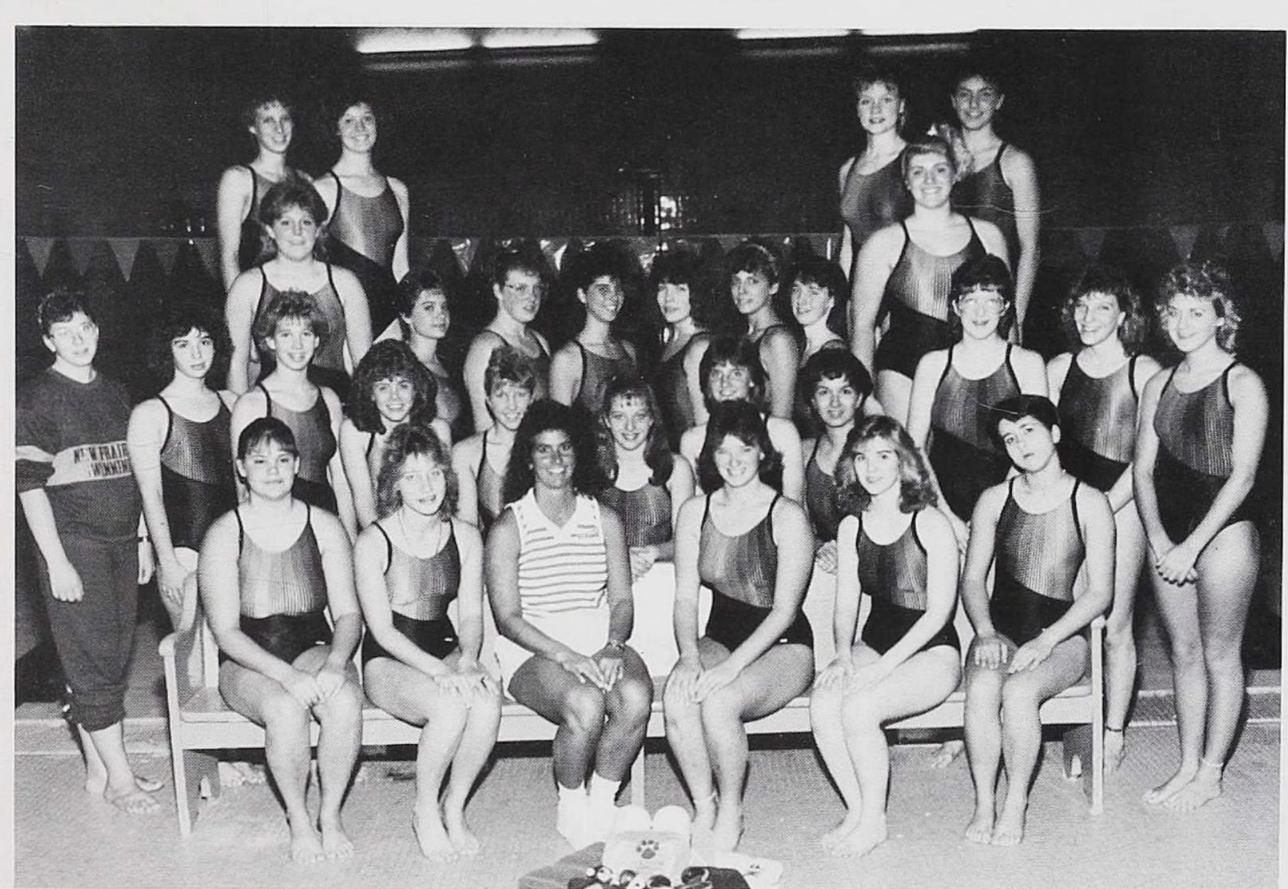


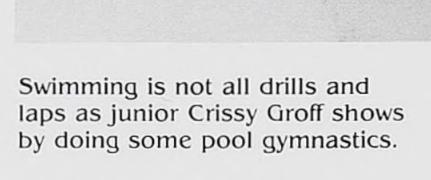


The swim team had a good season filled with many surprises. Coach Kathy Nova felt they made a great improvement compared to previous years even though their team was young. Crissy Groff, only a junior, was named MVS for the second year in a row. Cathy McKinley was named most improved. Crissy Groff, along with Jenny Melton received captain awards. The Cougars finished 4-9 with many swimmers advancing to sectional finals. They are very proud of their record considering the tough schedule they swam.

Seniors Wanda Livinghouse and Theresa Cowgill display the latest style in water goggles.

Mishawaka	L 87-84
Plymouth	L 104-68
Adams	W 80-89
Hobart	L 96-76
Bremen	W 55-117
Washington	W 47-123
Elston	L 111-61
Northwood	L 101-70
LaSalle	W 69-103
Elkhart Men	norial L
	105-67
La Porte	L 133-39
Rogers	L 89-83
St. Joe	L 94-78





First Row: Wanda Livinghouse, Sue Bockover, Coach Kathy Nova, Theresa Cowgill, Janis John, Joann Gabryszak. Second Row: Colleen Sheldon, Crissy Groff, Allysia VanLue, Cathy Norris, Angie Hostetler, Melissa Bromley, Jackie Krueger, Angel Yergler, Melinda Groethe, Shelly Lapczynski, Angie Sebasty. Third Row: Tammy Ellenwine, Shani Whitteberry, Bobbie Smith, Jinelle Lawerence, Lori Wallen, Wendy Nelson, Cathy McKinley, Jenny Melton.

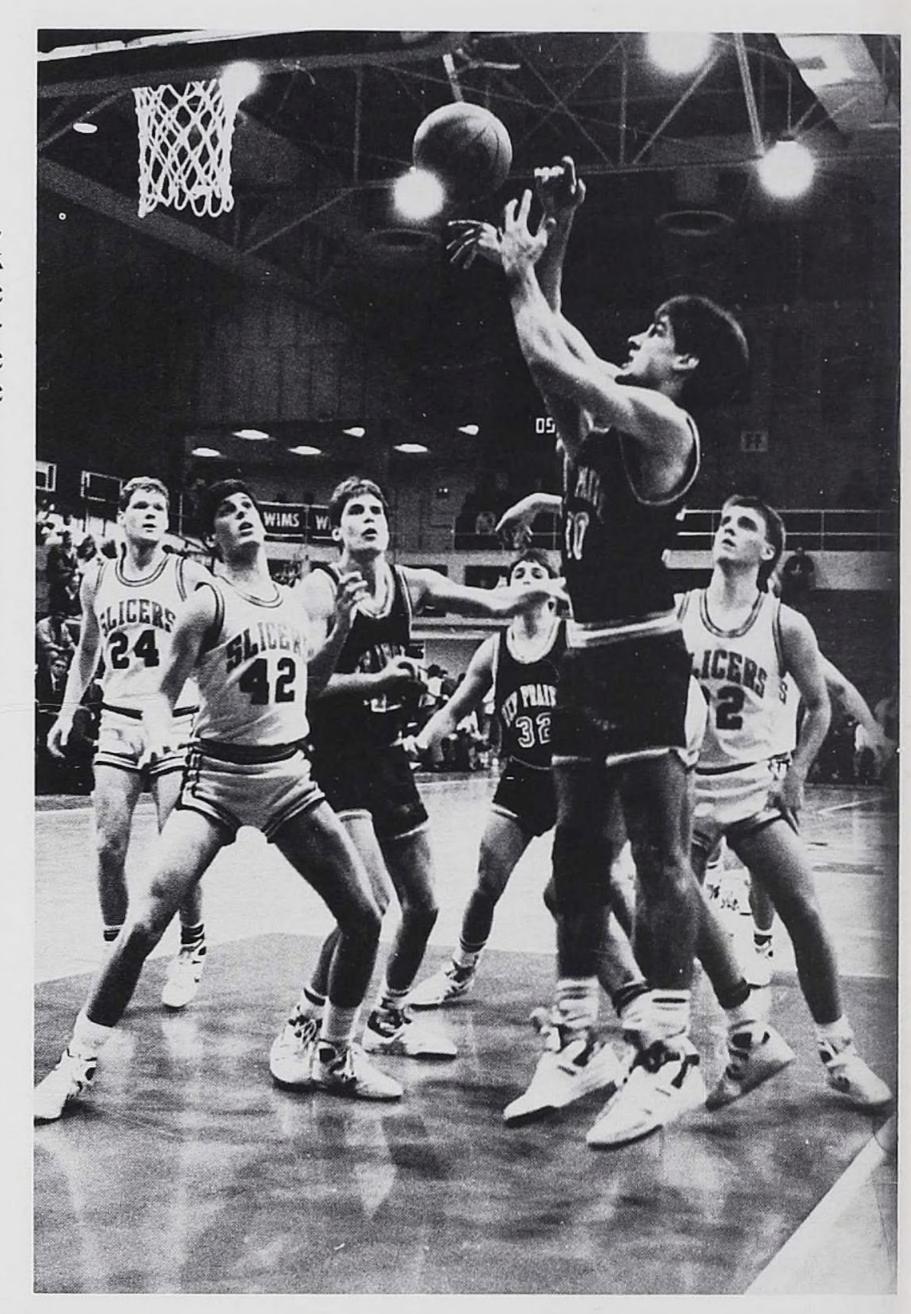
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Cougar Hysteria Basketball

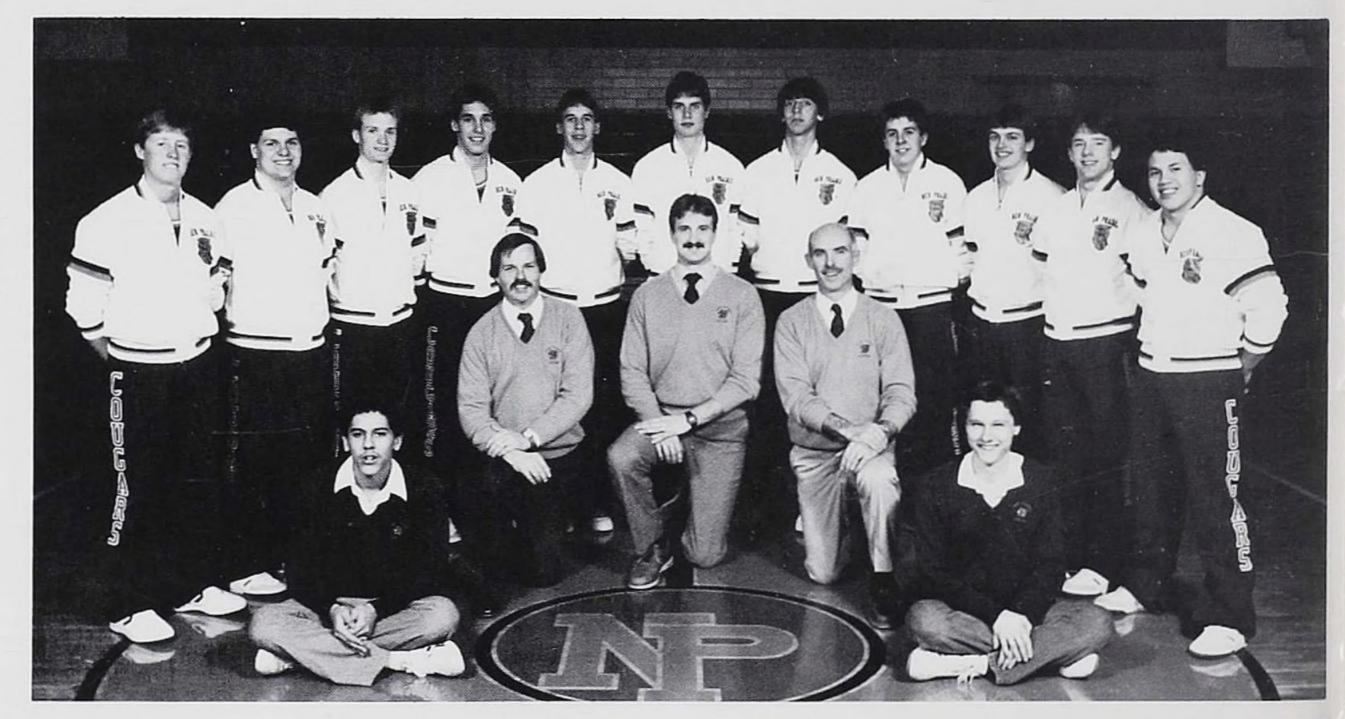
The Cougar Cagers were definitely a part of "Hoosier Hysteria" this year. They opened with a big win over Rogers. The Cougars finished 2nd in the conference with a 5-1 record. The loss of a very talented senior class hurt the Cougars. Seniors were counted on to carry the team, because only one junior was able to crack the varsity roster. The Cougars played tough all season and never lost their will to win, even against state power Concord. All-Conference selections for 1987-88 were Brian Witkowski, Tom Washburn, and Russ Allegrette. Along with being most-valuable, Brian Witkowski was named to the McDonald's All-American team and was a member of the All-Area Sunburst Classic team. Most Improved went to Steve Schroeder. Field goal percentage, free throw percentage, and the rebounding awards went to Russ Allegrette. Bob Overmyer won

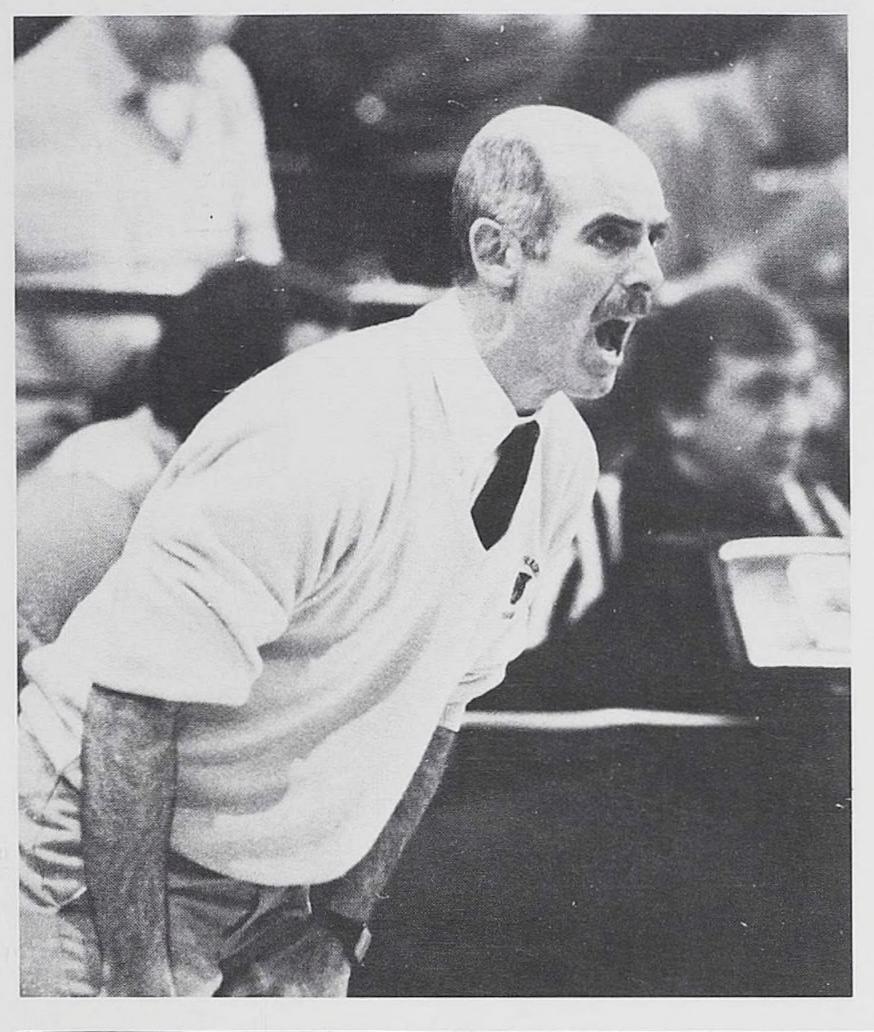
the sportsmanship award, and Tom Washburn took the assists award for the year. Next year will be a rebuilding year because the Cougars are returning one letter winner.

M.C. Rogers	W	90-89
Mishawak	L	83-67
LaPorte	L	71-68
Glenn	L	65-61
Elston	W	59-56
S. Central	W	86-69
Culver	W	85-71
Culver Millitary	W	62-51
LaLumiere	W	99-35
Marquette	W	57-44
Culver (Bi-County)	W	92-74
Glenn (Bi-County)	L	68-60
Triton	W	86-60
Marian	L	49-43
Bremen	L	54-52
Knox	W	84-62
Concord	L	98-50
St. Joe	L	62-57
LaVille	W	57-33
Jimtown	W	73-51
LaPorte (Sectional)	L	97-66



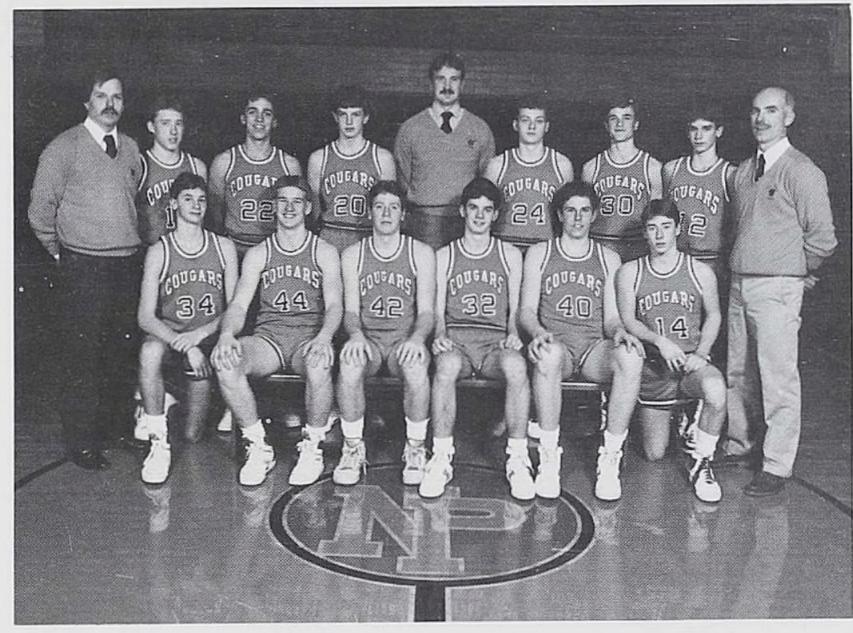
Varsity: First Row: Mgr. Kenny Peterson, Mgr. Lyle Benson. Second Row: Coach Harry Beebe, Coach Curt Swank, Coach Dan Shead. Third Row: Tom Washburn, Geno Klute, Rob Risner, Brian Witkowski, Steve Schroeder, Russ Allegrette, Chris Mrozkiewicz, Mark Martin, Jason Schroeder, Doug Klute, Bob Overmyer

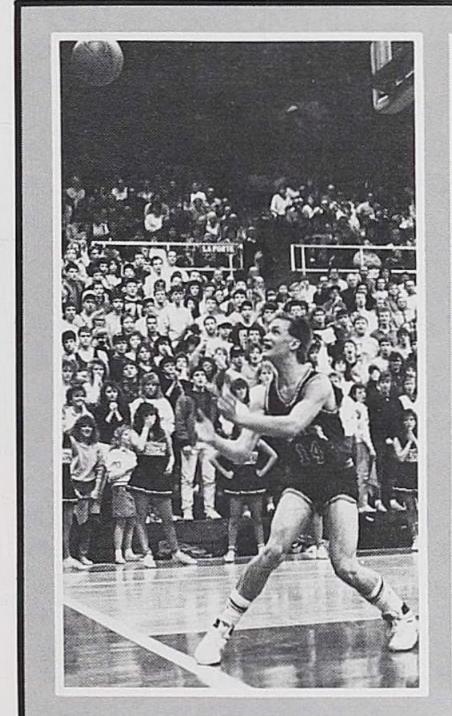


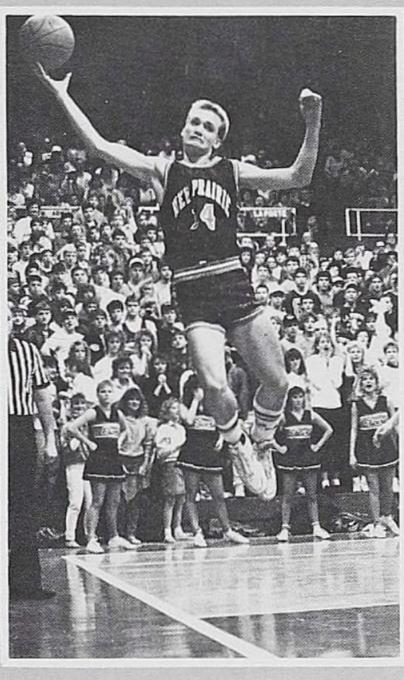


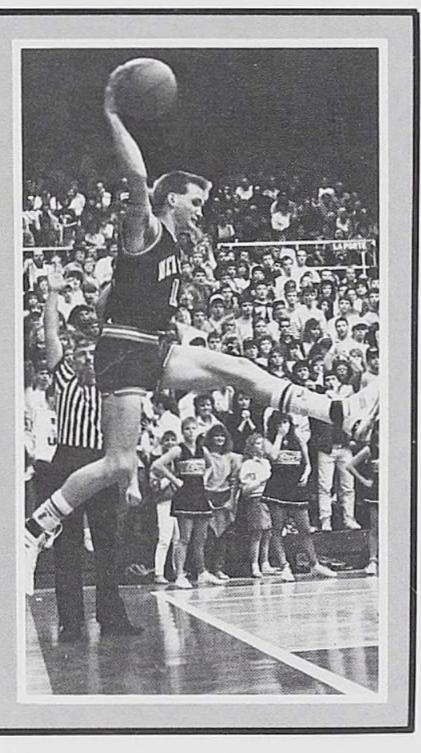
Coach Shead shows his distinct way of expressing himself.

Junior Varsity: First Row: Damon Swope, John Jurkowski, Jim Patterson, Kent Jensen, Joe Cowgill, Mike Robinson. Second Row: Coach Harry Beebe, Donny Lau, Jason Wykoff, Pat Williams, Coach Curt Swank, John Hooper, Brad Hillman, Coley Pesce, Coach Dan Shead









UP! OVER! & OUT! Rob Risner goes all out to save a ball against arch rival LaPorte during sectional action.

Seniors Counted On asketball

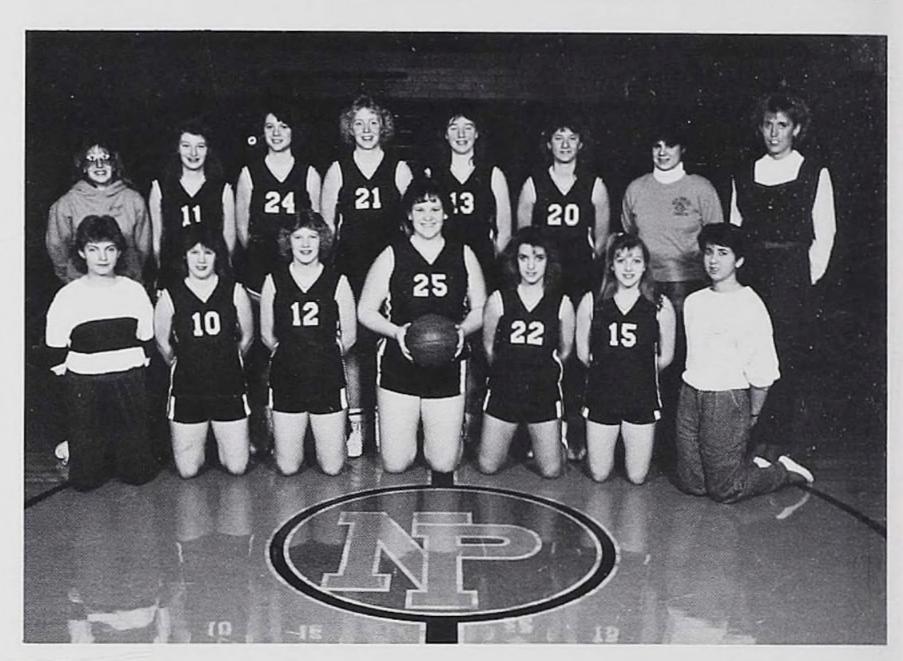
This year's girls basketball team finished a less than perfect season with a 2-15 over all season record. Talented sophomore Kim Golden paced the young lady cats with a 13 point game average. Three seniors; Julie Golden, Karen Horvath, and Carey Johnston will be greatly missed next year. Coach Brian Lindorf is looking forward to his second year as head coach. Kim Golden was named MVP and had the highest free throw percentage. Most Improved went to Wendy Nelson. Captains for 1987-88 were Julie Golden, Carey Johnston, and Karen Horvath.

Bremen	L 60-39
Knox	L 37-28
M.C. Rogers	L 48-39
LaPorte	L 49-22
Mishawaka	L 52-41
Laville	L 44-39
Plymouth	L 61-48
John Glenn	L 46-36
South Centra	I L 40-31
Westville	W 32-46
M.C. Elston	L 67-24
St. Joseph	L 58-41
Jimtown	L 36-24
Bremen (Bi-C	ounty) L
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Culver	L 58-45
Triton	W 32-52
Plymouth (Se	ectional)
,	L 64-34



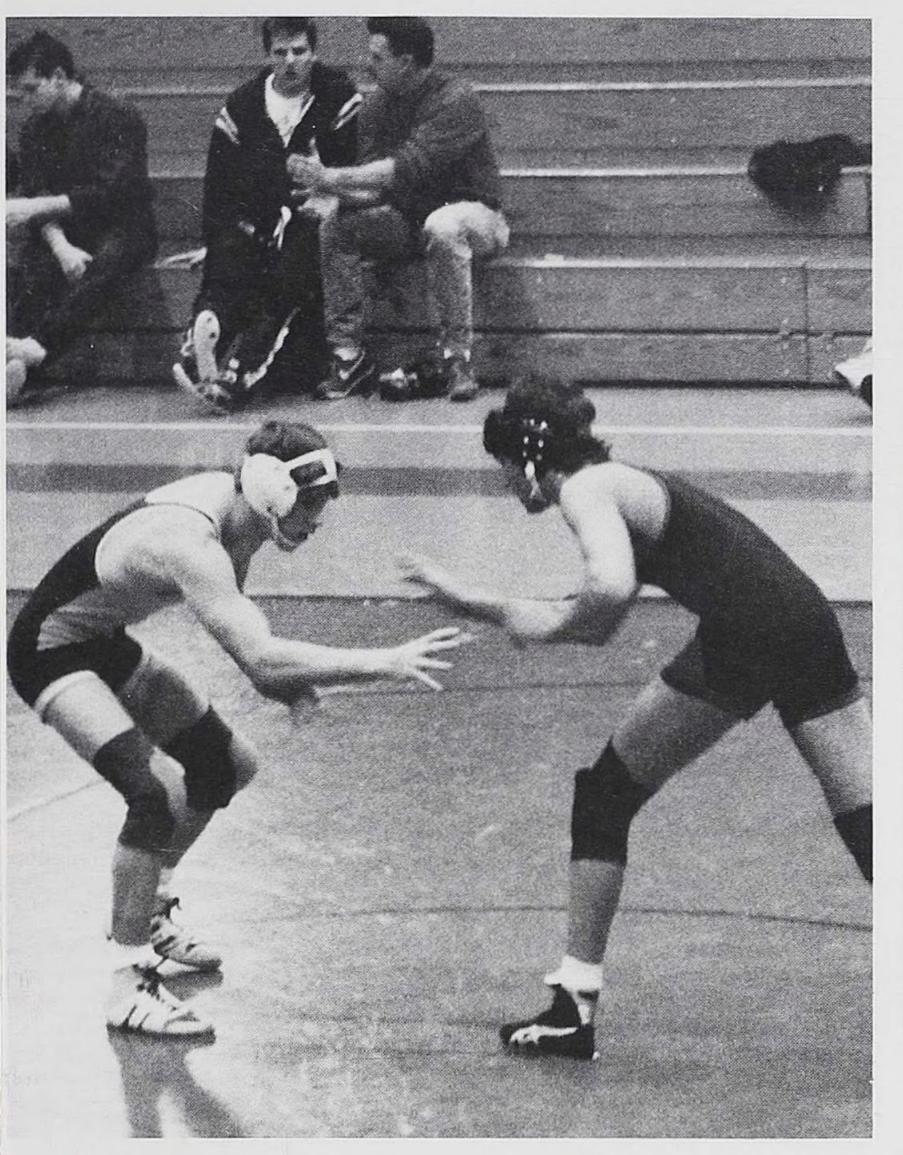
Varsity First Row: Manager Julie Rose, Wendy Nelson, Julie Golden, Carey Johnston, Karen Horvath, Mary Michalski, Manager Kelly Miller Second Row: Manager Joann Gabryszak, Dana Kopkowski, Kim Golden, Kathy Smith, Lynne Crump, Stacie Tolman, Manager Tonya Nickerson, Coach Brian Lindorf.

J-V First Row: Manager Tonya Nickerson, Lisa Burnett, Gina Morgan, Julie Derda, Melissa Bromley, Joann Gabryszak Second Row: Manager Kelly Miller, Julie Lenig, Amy Harness, Jenny Herrod, Cathy McKinley, Lori Johnson, Manager Julie Rose, Coach Carla Sebasty





The Golden sisters are at work against LaPorte.

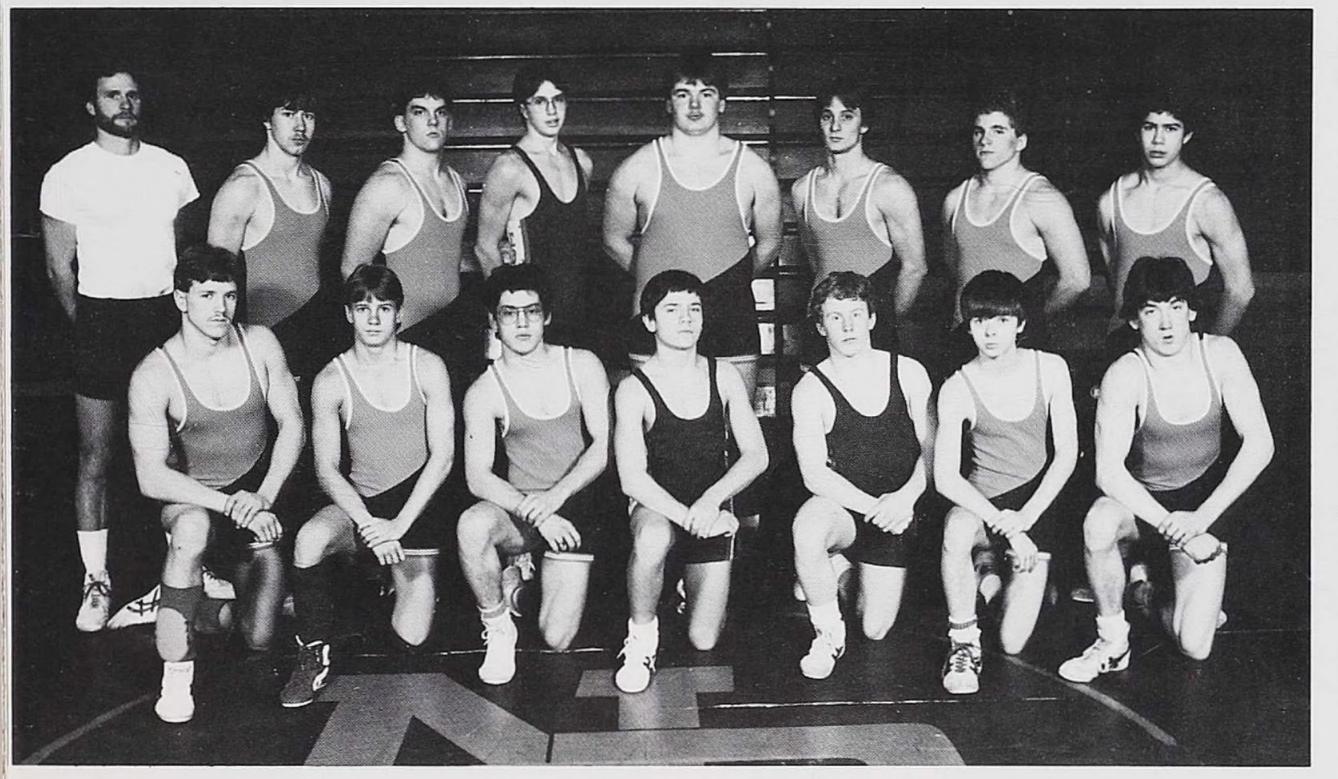




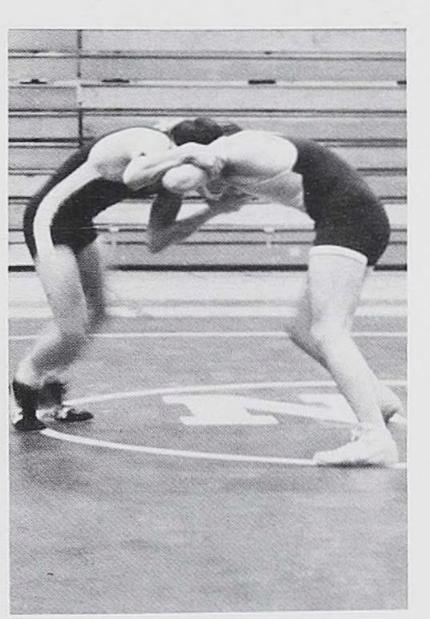
S.B. Washington	L 12-56
John Glenn	W 54-21
LaPorte	L 6-72
Clay	L 24-37
Triton	W 53-12
John Glenn	W 60-15
Elston	L 12-64
St. Joe	L 27-32
LaVille	W 63-9
Knox	L 12-55
Lumiere	W 48-27
Jimtown	W 42-33
LaPorte	L 0-75

Junior grappler Curt Kenyon tangles with a LaPorte wrestler in regional action.

Having only one senior, the New Prairie wrestling team had to look toward its youth for support. Sophomores and juniors dominated the line-up of thirteen weight classes. As the season went on, numbers dwindled, but the team did the best with what they had and finished with a solid 6-7 record. Curt Kenyon and Tom Pietrzak were named All-Conference. MVP for the Cougars was Curt Kenyon. Curt also tied Ronny Strauch for most pins and tied Steve Stacey for most takedowns. Captains for 1987-88 were senior Payge Jonas and junior Curt Ken-



First Row: Curt Kenyon, Steve Lewis, Steve Stacey, Chad Wilhelm, John Stutzman, Eric Flora, Ron Strauch Second Row: Coach Bill Spier, Bob Paul, David Kirkham, Shawn Prestin, Tom Pietrzak, Payge Jonas, Russ Gelow, Wayne Brewer.



New Prairie takes on Jimtown; the result: "COUGAR DOMINATION"

Tradition Continues Daseball

A winning tradition in baseball has been set at New Prairie and the 1988 season showed no acceptions. The 2nd ranked Cougars compiled a 28-2 record along with a perfect 12-0 conference record. The Cougars won all 15 home games, and kept alive a 28 game conference winning streak and a 29 home game winning streak. The Cougars were also champs of their own Cougar Classic for the second year in a row. MVP honors went to Dean Schmidt, while Jason

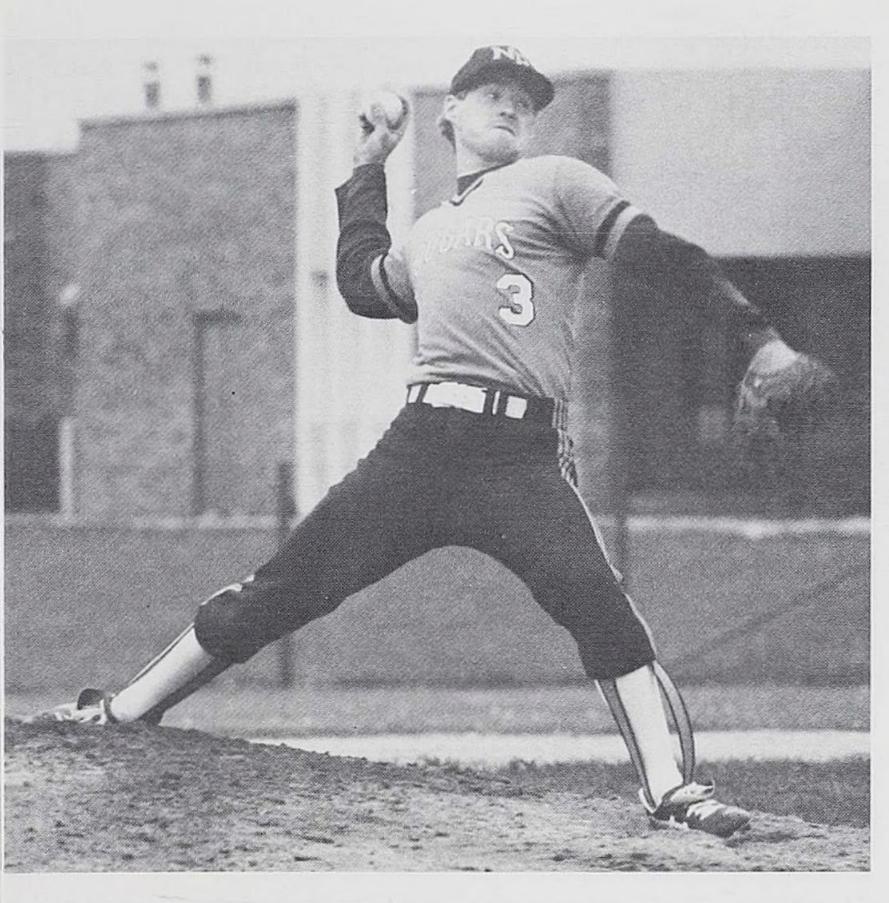
Schroeder picked up MIP for 1988. Jason also snatched the most RBI's with 38. Mental Attitude went to Rich Robinson, and for the second time in a row Bob Overmyer was batting champ with a lofty .477 batting average. Captains for the 1988 Cougars were Tom Washburn, Dean Schmidt, and Rich Robinson.

Senior Dean Schmidt warms up before one of his twelve wins this year.



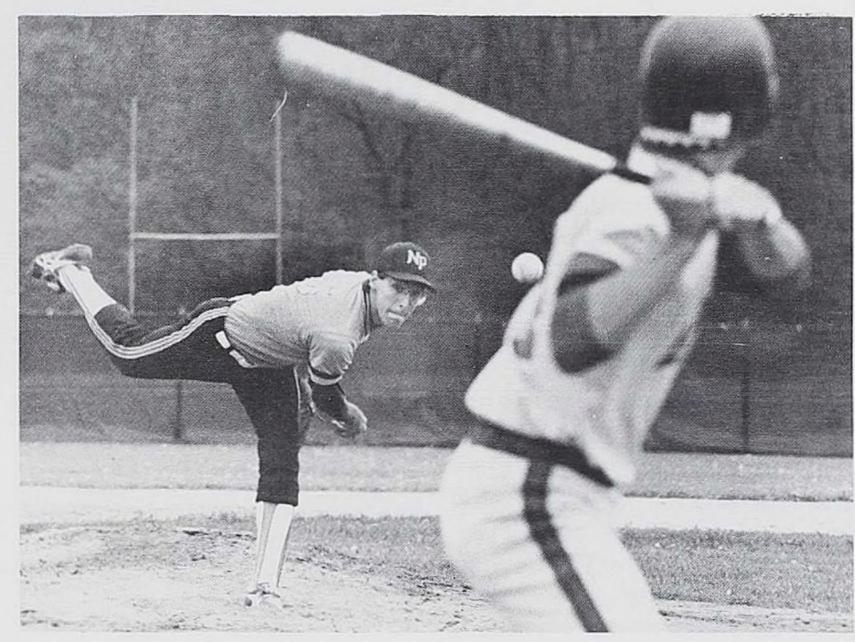


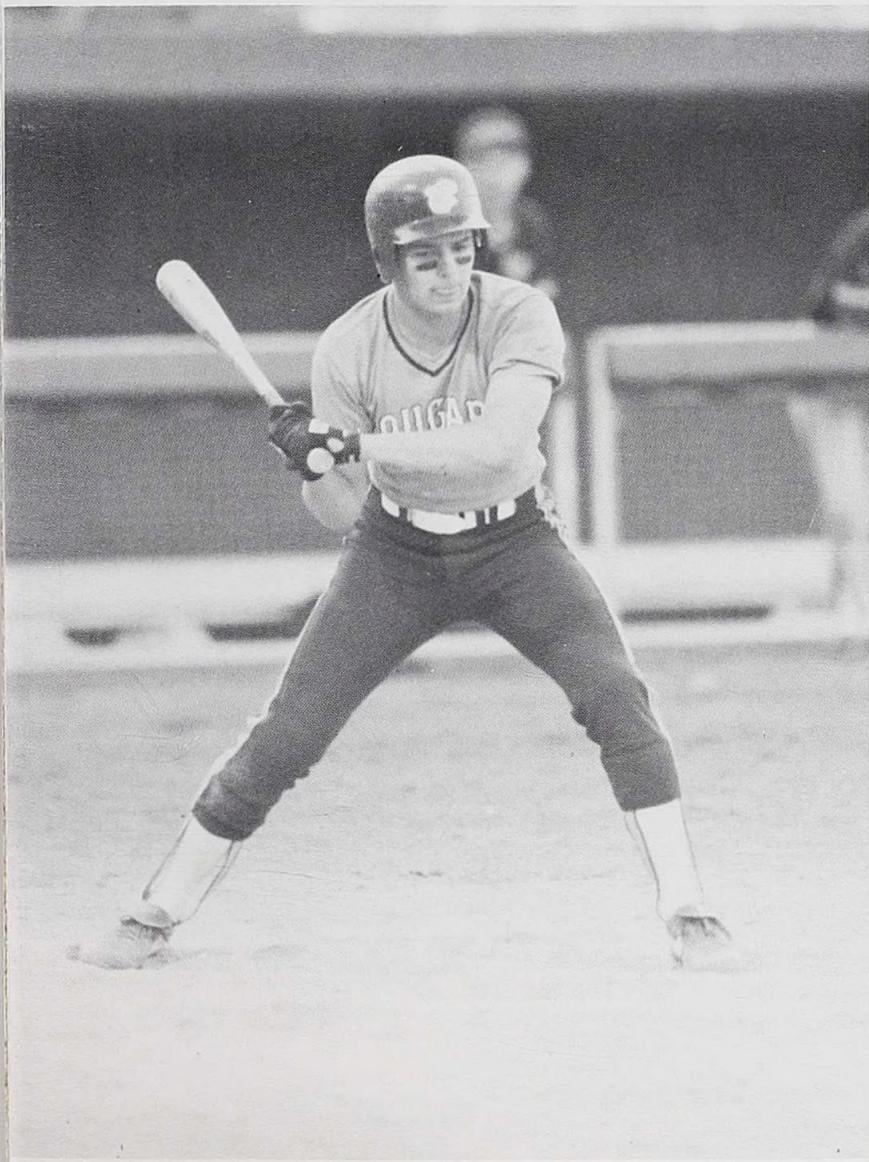
The 1988 second ranked Cougars, First row: Geno Klute, Bob Overmyer, Brian Witkowski, Dean Schmidt, Tom Washburn, Rich Robinson. Second row: Coach Jerry Colanese, Mgr. Eric Flora, Jason Wykoff, John Hooper, Dan Chlebowski, Dave Kirkham, Jason Schroeder, Mike Robinson, Alvie Ellenwine, Coach George Olson.

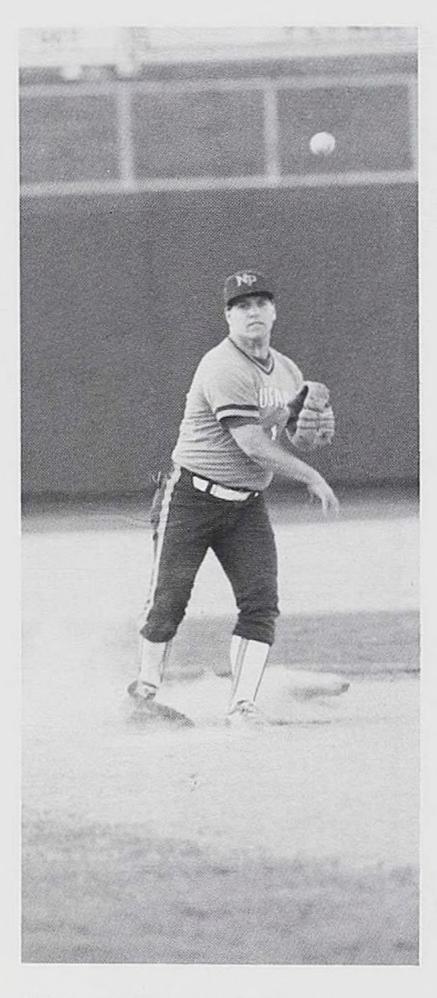


Senior Rich Robinson always gives 100% as shown here against LaVille.

Senior Brian Witkowski shows his perfect form against conference foe LaVille.



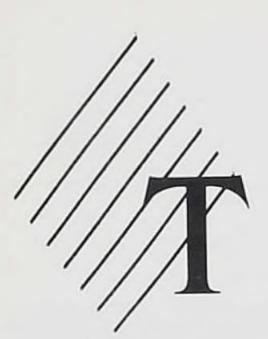




"You won't see this often" -Jason Schroeder watches a pitch go by against LaSalle.

Senior Geno Klute lets one fly during warm-ups at Covaleski Stadium.

W	13-9
W	11-0
W	11-1
W	10-0
W	11-0
W	9-0
W	9-3
W	9-6
W	7-0
W	2-1
W	4-1
W	15-0
W	10-0
W	10-4
W	16-4
W	23-8
W	7-1
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W	12-4
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Winning Season

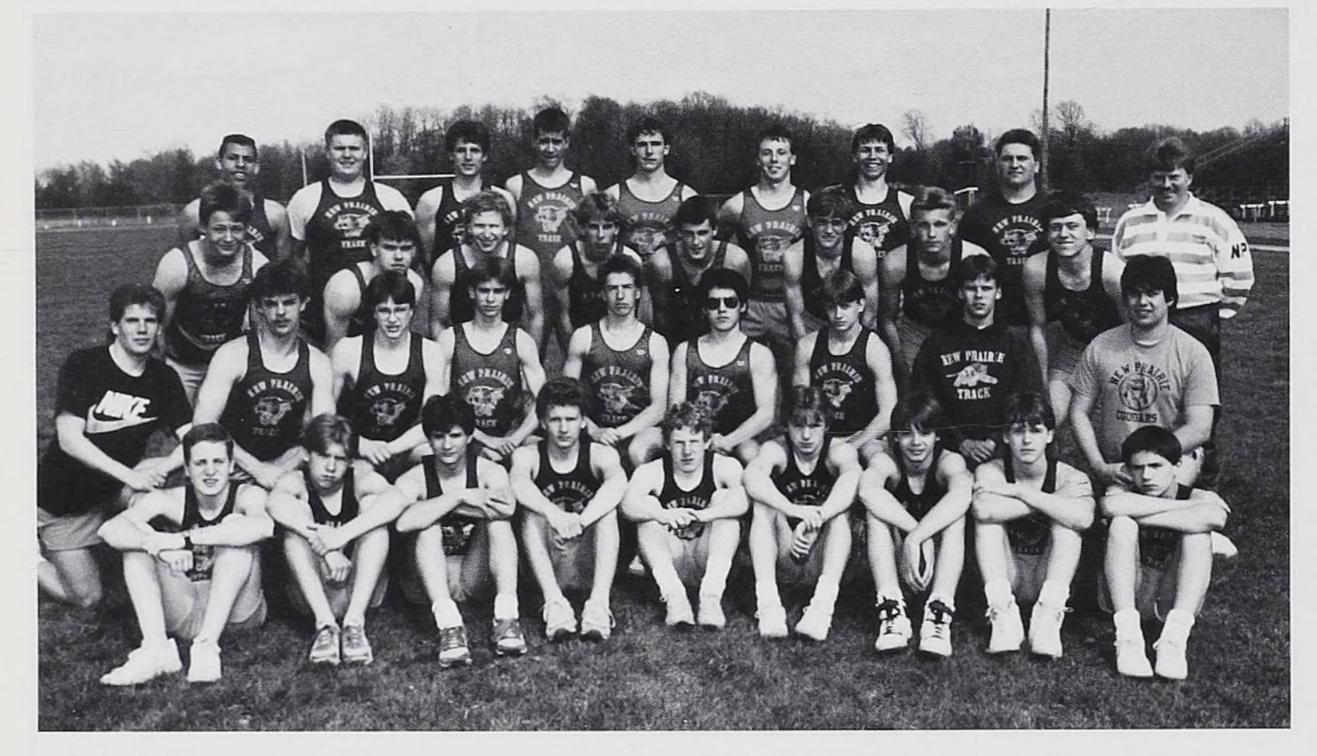
Paul Hay, Matt Martin, Jim Bailey, and Noah Fickle wait anxiously for their event to start.

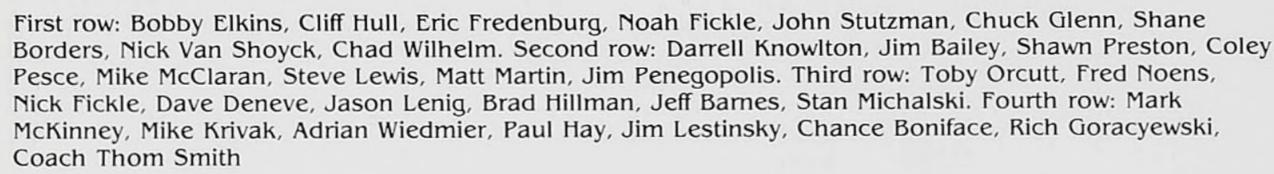
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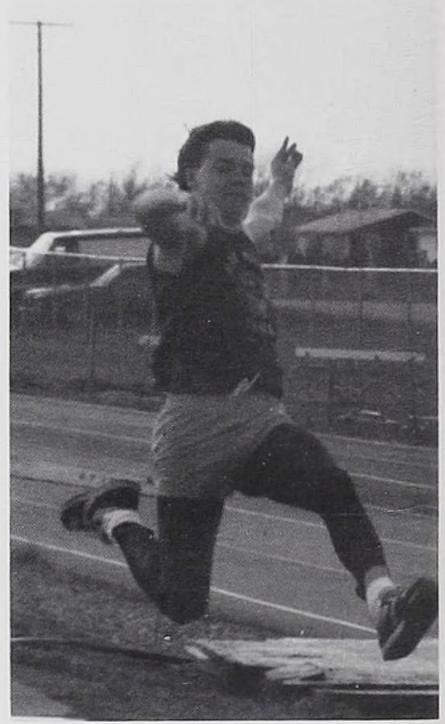
The boys compiled a solid 6-4 record while the girls put together a 5-5 season campaign. Named MVP was senior Ryan Pesce and selected as MIP was Fred Noens. Captains for 1988 were Kyle Young, Jason Lenig, and Fred Noens. Many of the boys qualified for sectionals, regionals, and Ryan Pesce qualified for the state meet competing in the 1600m run. MVP for the girls was Lynne Crump and MIP was Carrie Rodgers. Captains for 1988 were Karen Horvath and Erin Murphy. All-Conference selections for boys and girls were Ryan Pesce, Dave Deneve, and Lynne Crump.

5th place South		
Bend Classic		
John Glenn	L	51-76
River Valley	W	91-35
Knox	W	62-56
Bremen	W	65-62
M.C. Rogers	L	54-73
8th place Goshe	n	
Relays Classic B		
Marian	W	881/2-431/2
LaPorte	L	34-93
LaVille	L	33-94
St. Joe	W	71-56
Jimtown	W	64-63
4th place Conco	rd	
Relays Class B		
6th place Penn		
Sectional		









Junior Freddie Noens leaped to new horizons this year.

First row: Mary Michalski, Kathy McKinley, Erin Murphy, Karen Horvath, Lynne Crump, Gail Brashear, Kelly Davis, Second row: Gina Morgan, Dana Kopkowski, Stacie Tolmen, Bobbie Smith, Carrie Rodgers, Jenny Melton, Ronda Rogowski, Rachel Bockover, Melissa Bromley, Missy Pinkerton. Third row: Coach Pat Tolmen, Julie Olbur, Julie Lenig, Crissy Raven, Leslie Washluske, Janelle Lawerence, Robin Plank, Amy Seymour, Roanna Smith, Michelle McCoullough, Melissa Gresham, Coach Kathy Nova.



John Glenn	L	27-91
River Valley	W	77-41
Knox	L	52-66
Bremen	L	53-65
M.C. Rogers	W	903/4-2
Marian	W	74-44
LaPorte	L	30-88
LaVille	L	43-75
St. Joe	W	77-41
Jimtown	W	96-22



All-Conference hurdler Lynne Crump leads the pack.



Conference champs Dave Deneve and Ryan Pesce pose with Coach Smith after a tough conference meet.

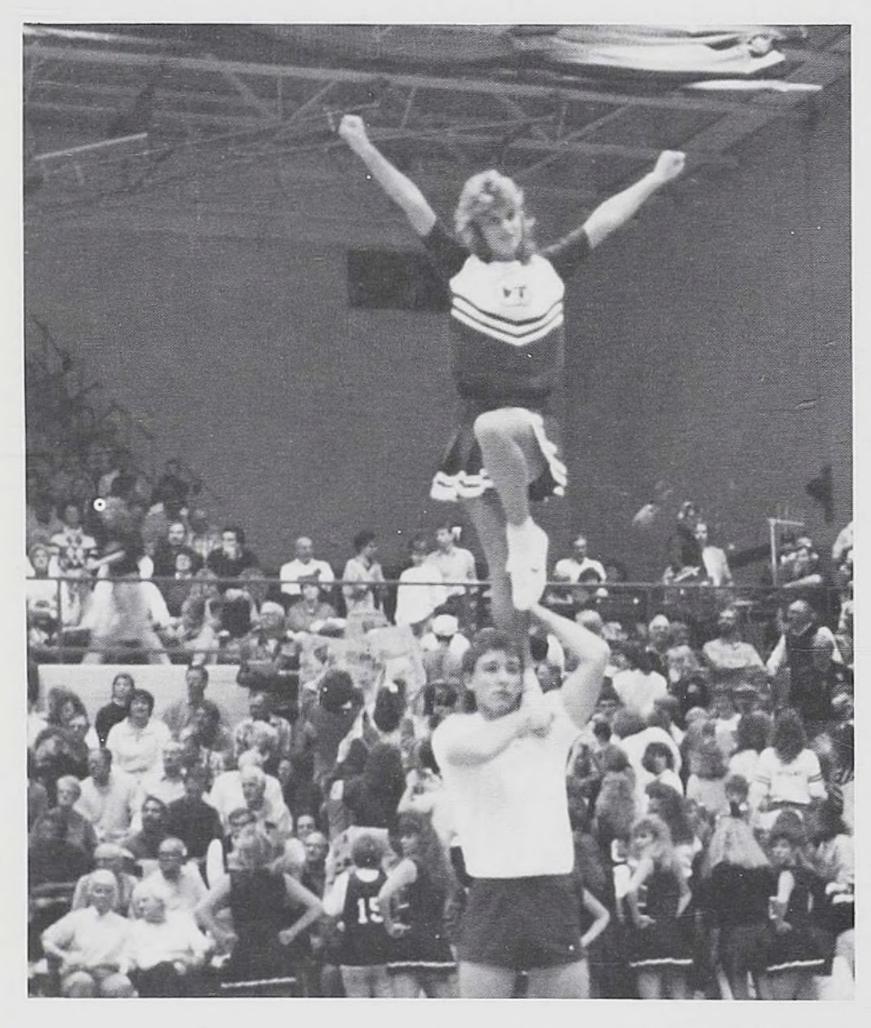
Spirit Boosters Cheerleading

The 1987-88 cheerleading season had its ups and downs for the Cougar boosters. Throughout the football season, Miss Kindt was the cheerleading sponsor, and for the basketball season, Mrs. Galloway was the sponsor. It was tough getting used to the different philosophys of their two

sponsors.

This year stuntmen were re-entered into the cheer-leading routines. They help with mounts and generating that famous Cougar spirit. Stuntmen were Fred Noens, Paul Hay, Tom Pietrzak, Darrell Knowlton, Doug Saylor, Bobby Johnson and Jim Lestinsky.

The varsity squad includes bottom: Kim Lapczynski, Shannon Miller, Angie Yackus. Second row: Anissa Maxwell. Third row: Lori Hayhurst. Top: Angie McGowan.



Angie McGowan executes a "torch" on Paul Hay before the start of the LaPorte game.

The J.V. squad includes front: Sheila Nixon, DeAnn Scott. Back: Carrie Rodgers, Susie Zarembka, Rachel Bockover.









Stuntmen Darrell Knowlton and Fred Noens provide the base as Shannan Miller and Annissa Maxwell perform a cheer during pre-game activities.

The freshmen cheerleaders include Front: Beth Starr, Tara Bessler. Back: Toni Chizar, Jenelle Lawrence, Julie Kata.



First row: Laurie Nelson, Bridgette VanSchoyek Second row: Sally Maesch, Angie Hostetler, Nadine Spriggs, Jenny Melton, Patricia Carvalho, Crissy Groff, Angie Kafka. Third row: Cathy Norris, Annelise Carter, Janelle Crowl, Kristi Strieter, De De Spear, Laura Kennedy, Judy Haas, Cindy Plank, Shayna Fetterer

The Cougarettes perform during the football and basketball season half-times. Sponsoring the Cougarettes each year, Theresa Galloway takes charge along with the captains at each practice. The routines that they perform are taught to them at Pom Pon Camp over the summer.

Each year the girls have gone to Valparaiso University for four days of camp. They were taught a variety of dances ranging from beginner to advanced. The Cougarettes received the spirit stick everyday while they stayed at camp.







Cathy Norris and Laurie Nelson show-off their awards at Pom-pon camp.

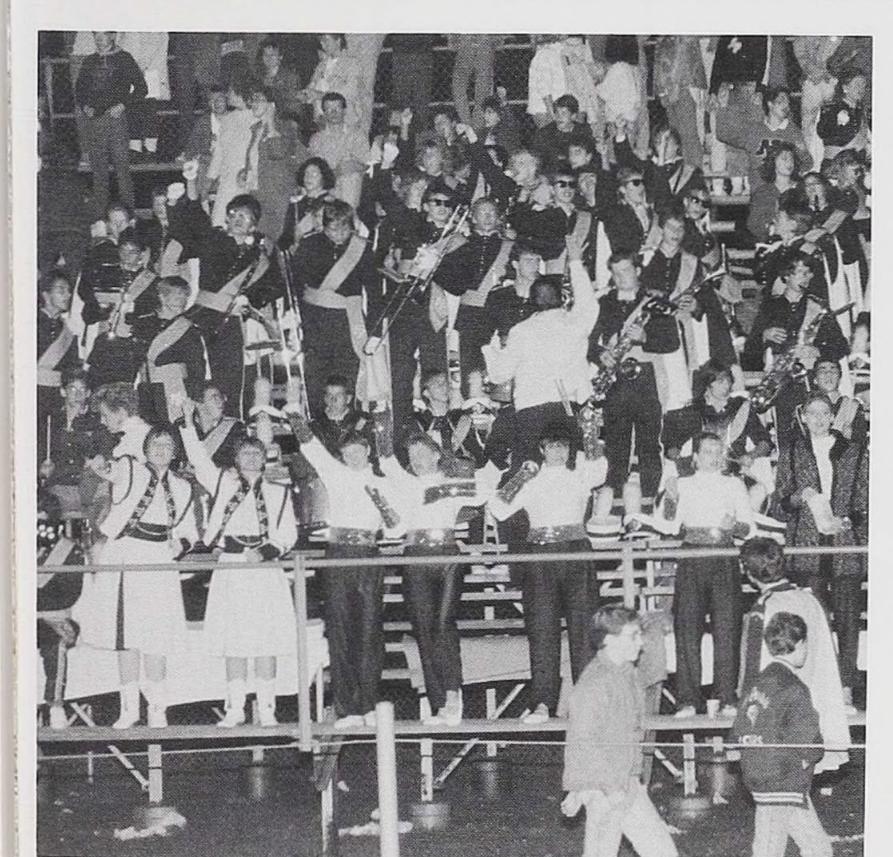
Homecoming half-time festivities kicked-off with a performance from the Pom-pon squad.





New Prairie Cougar fans prepare to pop the ballons donated by the athletic boosters at the first cougar basket.

Students concentrate on a junior varsity football game.

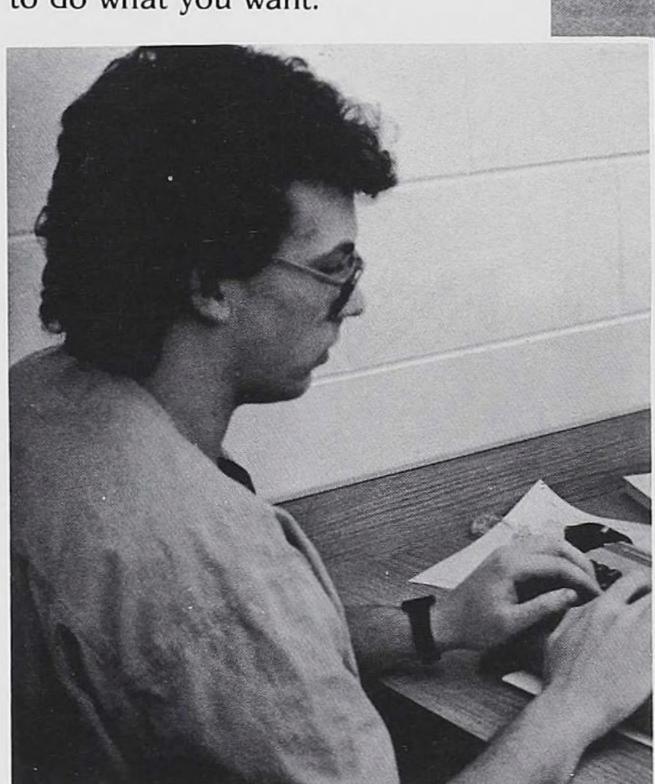




The Cougar band proved to be some of the most spirited fans during the football season.

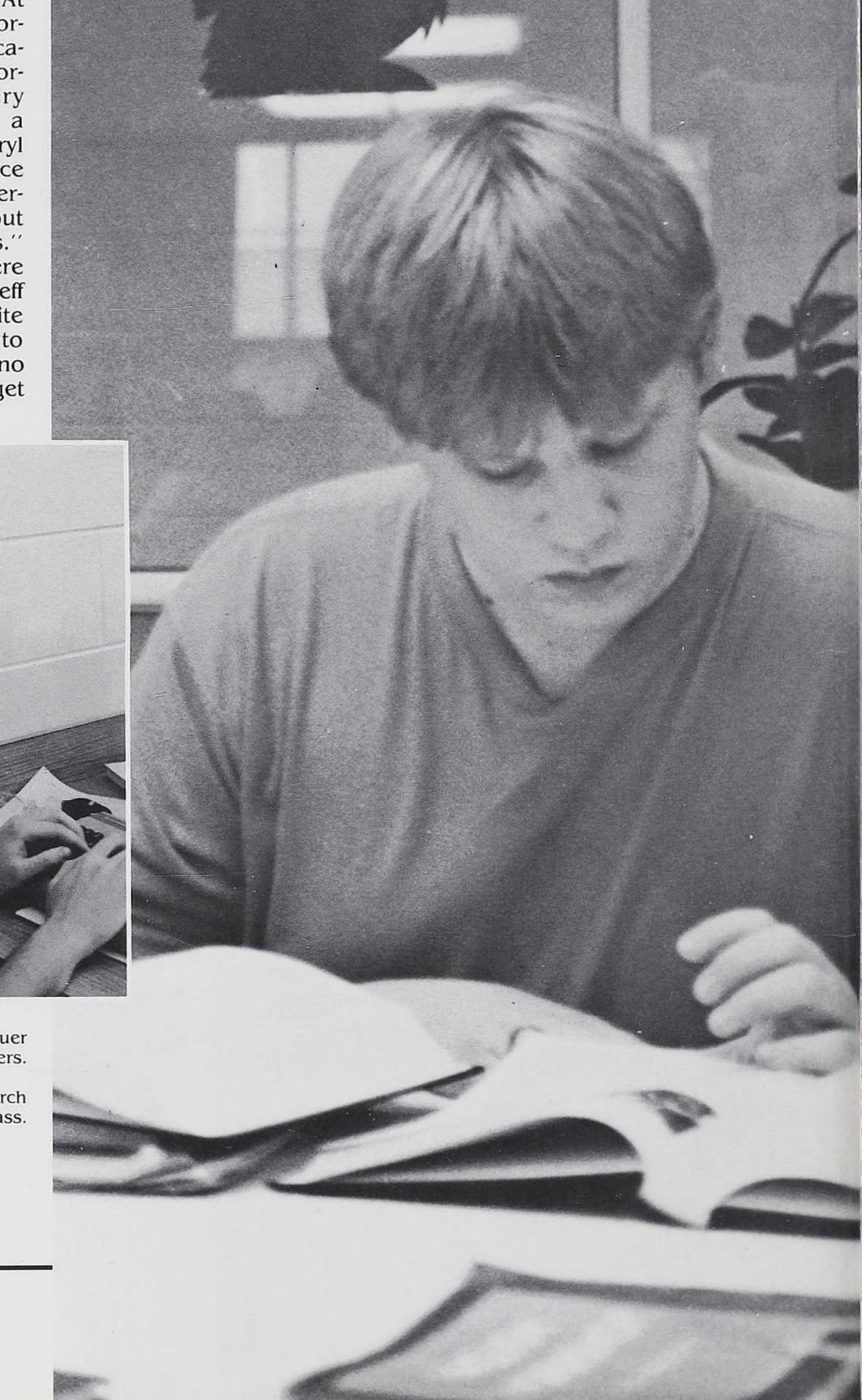
ACADEMICS

Getting a good education is the main purpose of any school. At New Prairie there are many opportunities to achieve that goal. Academics make up the most important part of school life. Every student has a favorite class for a variety of different reasons. Sheryl Gilchrist says, "I love earth science because you learn all of the interesting facts you need to learn about for the future . . . real life issues." Other students enjoy classes where they have more freedom as Jeff Barnes comments, "My favorite class is woods because you get to use your hands and there are no dumb rules like no talking. You get to do what you want."

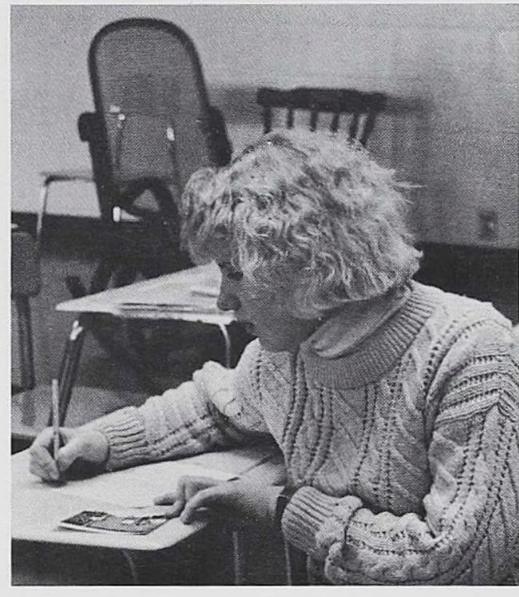


Senior Mike Trim works on a comptuer program during advanced computers.

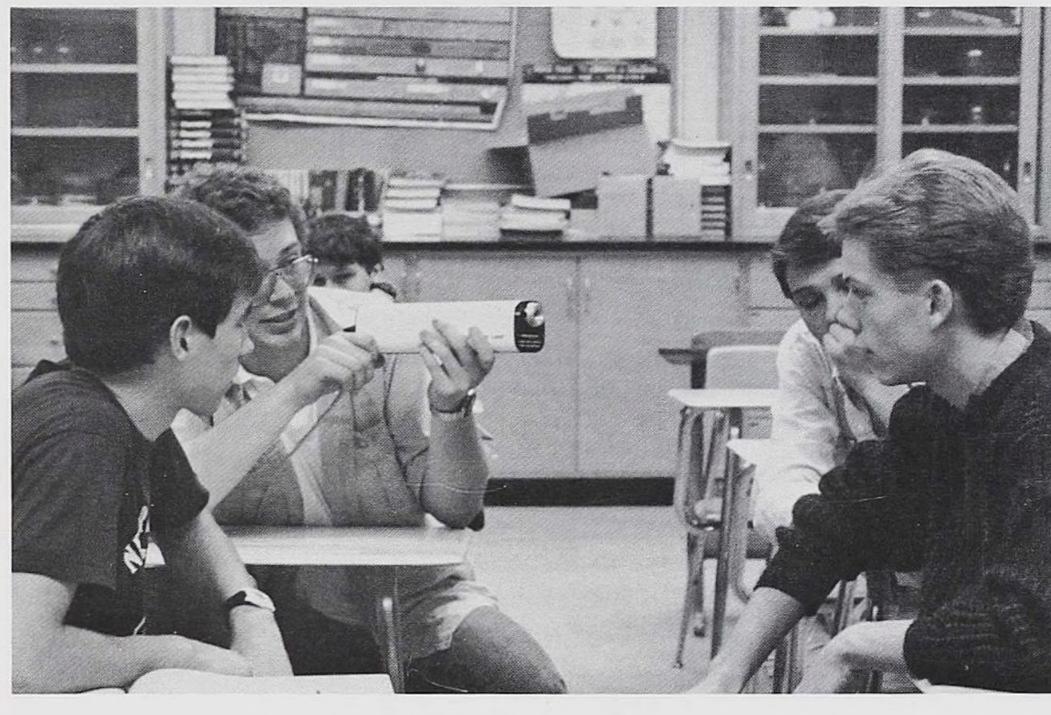
Sophomore George Hayes does research in the library for his English class.

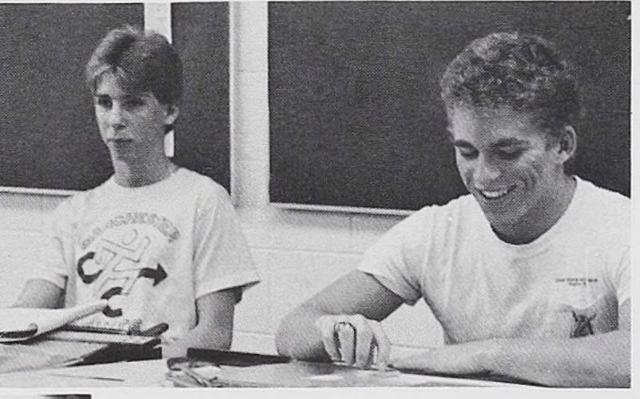






During journalism class senior Virginia Casper writes captions for the yearbook.





In advanced chemistry seniors Mike Trim, Ryan Pesce, Mike Tuszynski and Tom Lode sit around discussing chemistry.

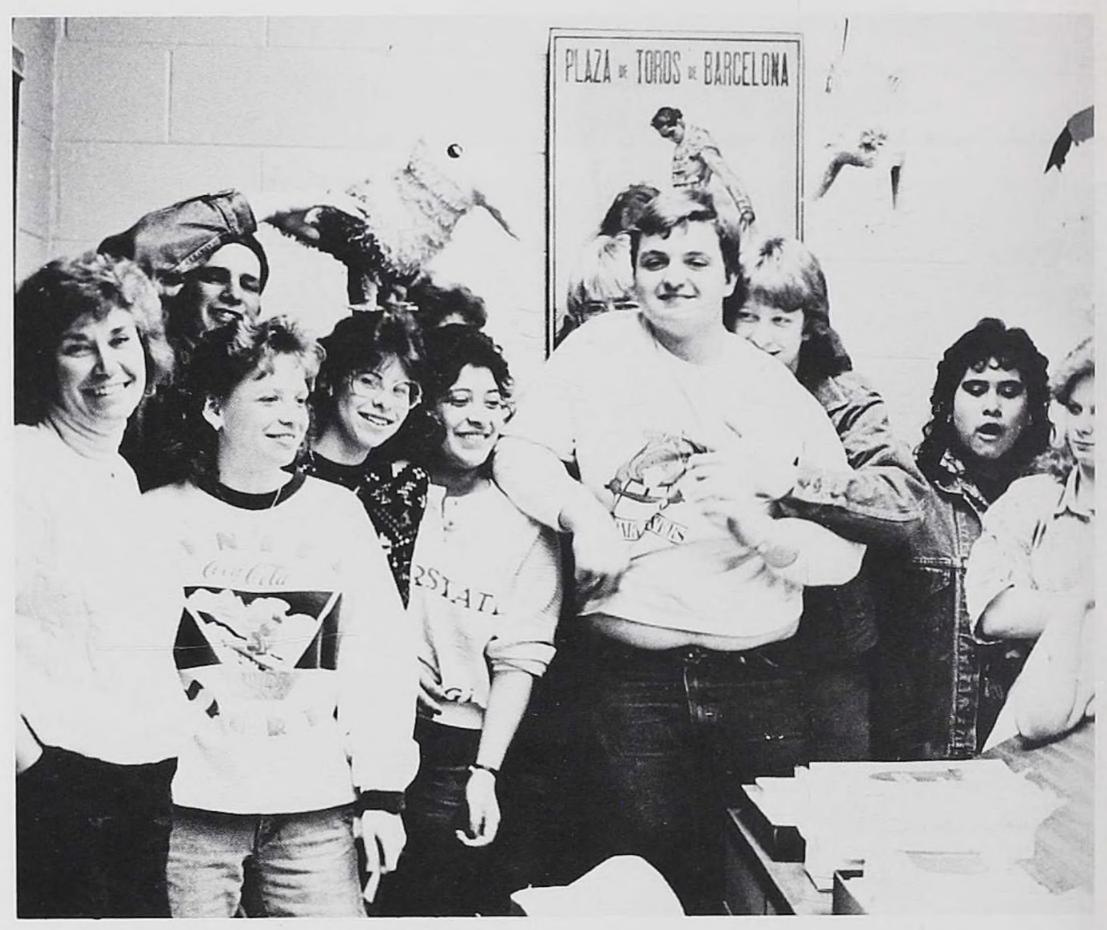
Juniors Dave DeNeve and Russ Gelow work on drawing while in drafting.

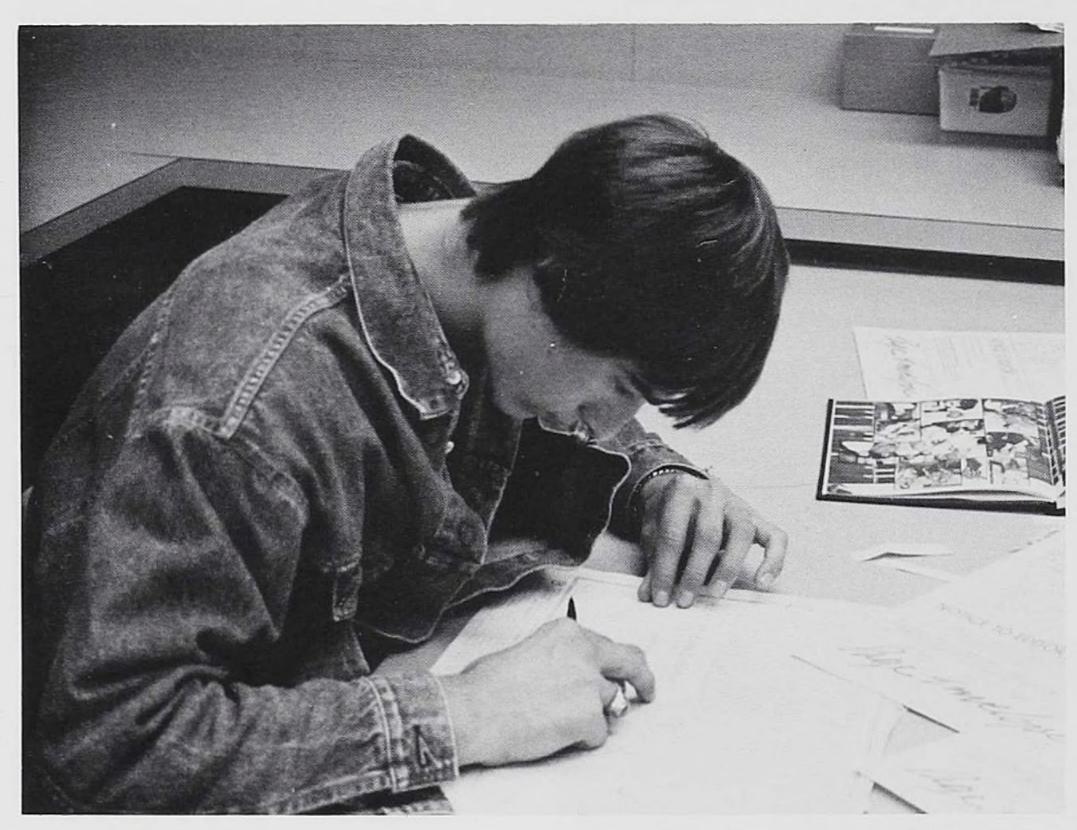
English Invaluable

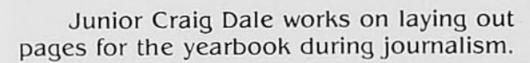
Language

Every student graduating from New Prairie High School has an automatic major in English. Good English is a necessary part of everyday life. Whether we advance to higher positions in life or not. A good foundation in the English language is invaluable.

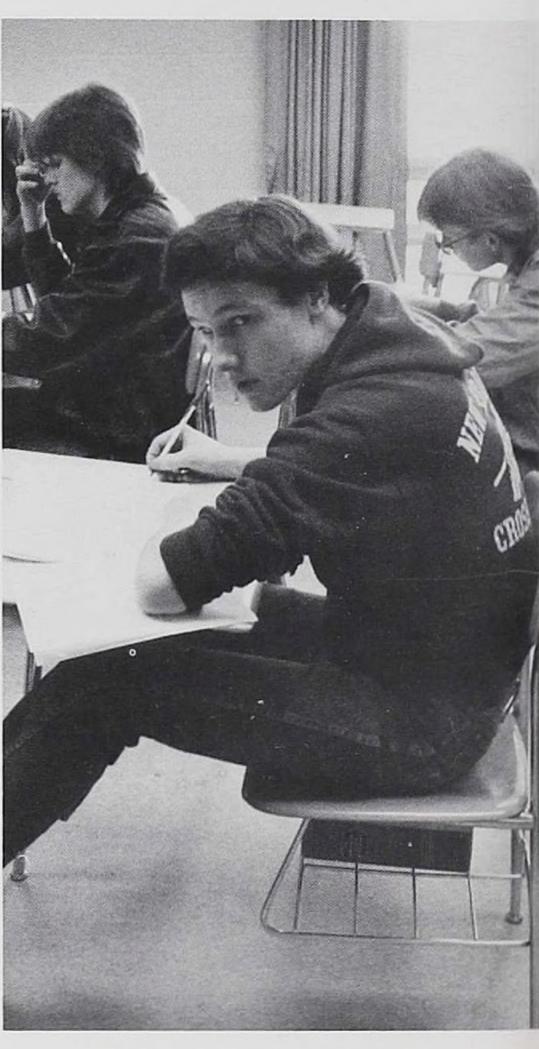
Today, when world relationships are so tense and important, foreign languages are playing a vital role. Students who learn foreign languages are able to understand peoples of many different countries and their ways of living.



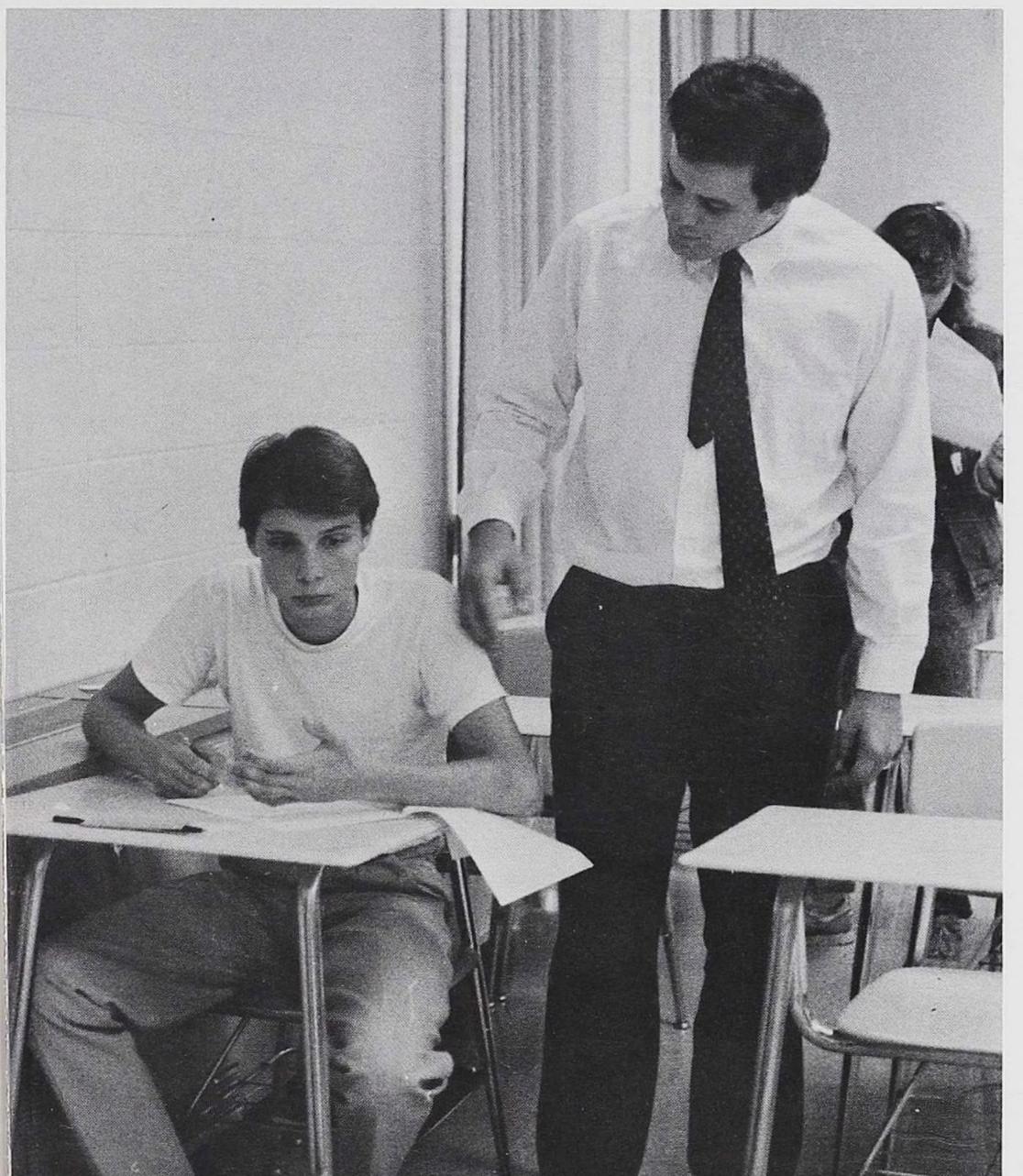




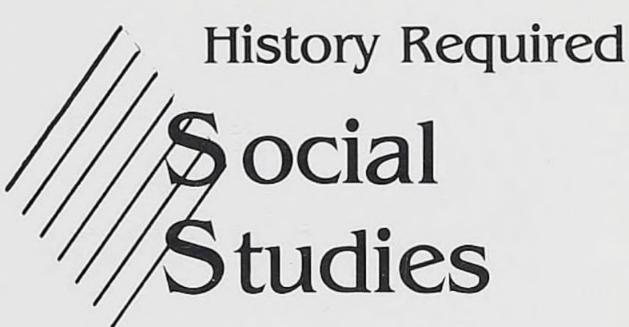
While in creative writing, senior Lyle Benson shows his creative skill.



Mr. Eldridge, economics teacher, gives senior Mike Tuszynski tips on his financial worries.

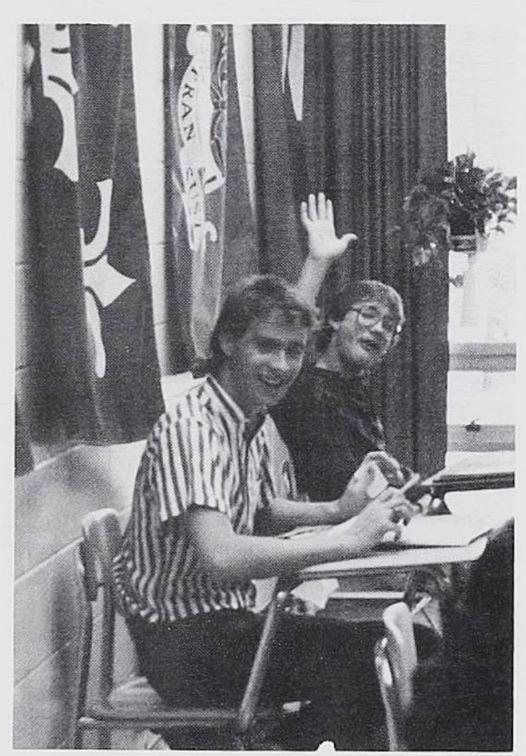






Any junior that attends NPHS is required to take U.S. History. It is the study of our country's history, beginning with early exploration and progressing to the present.

A requirement for graduation is economics and government. Economics is the study of our economy to learn how goods and services are produced to create income. Government traces our American heritage and learns the need for law and order.



Government is full of excitement for seniors Doug Hynek and Robert Casper.

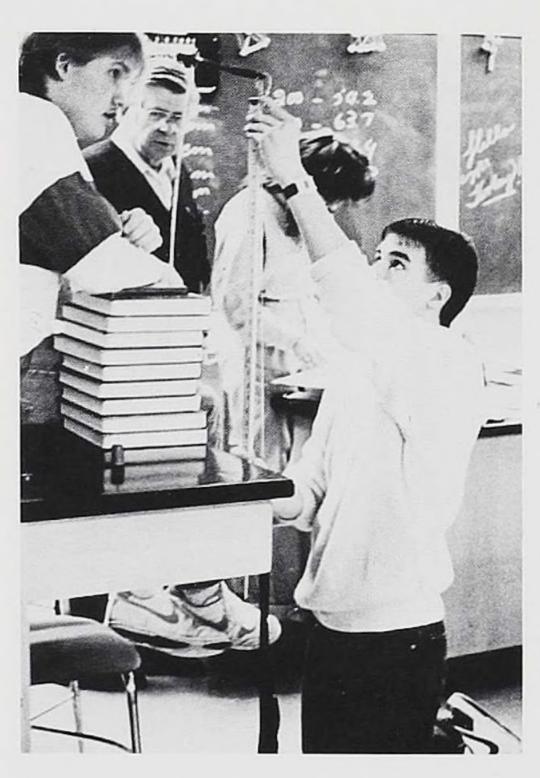
Mr. Colborne helps senior Rachael Tukos understand geography.

Changing Rapidly Science

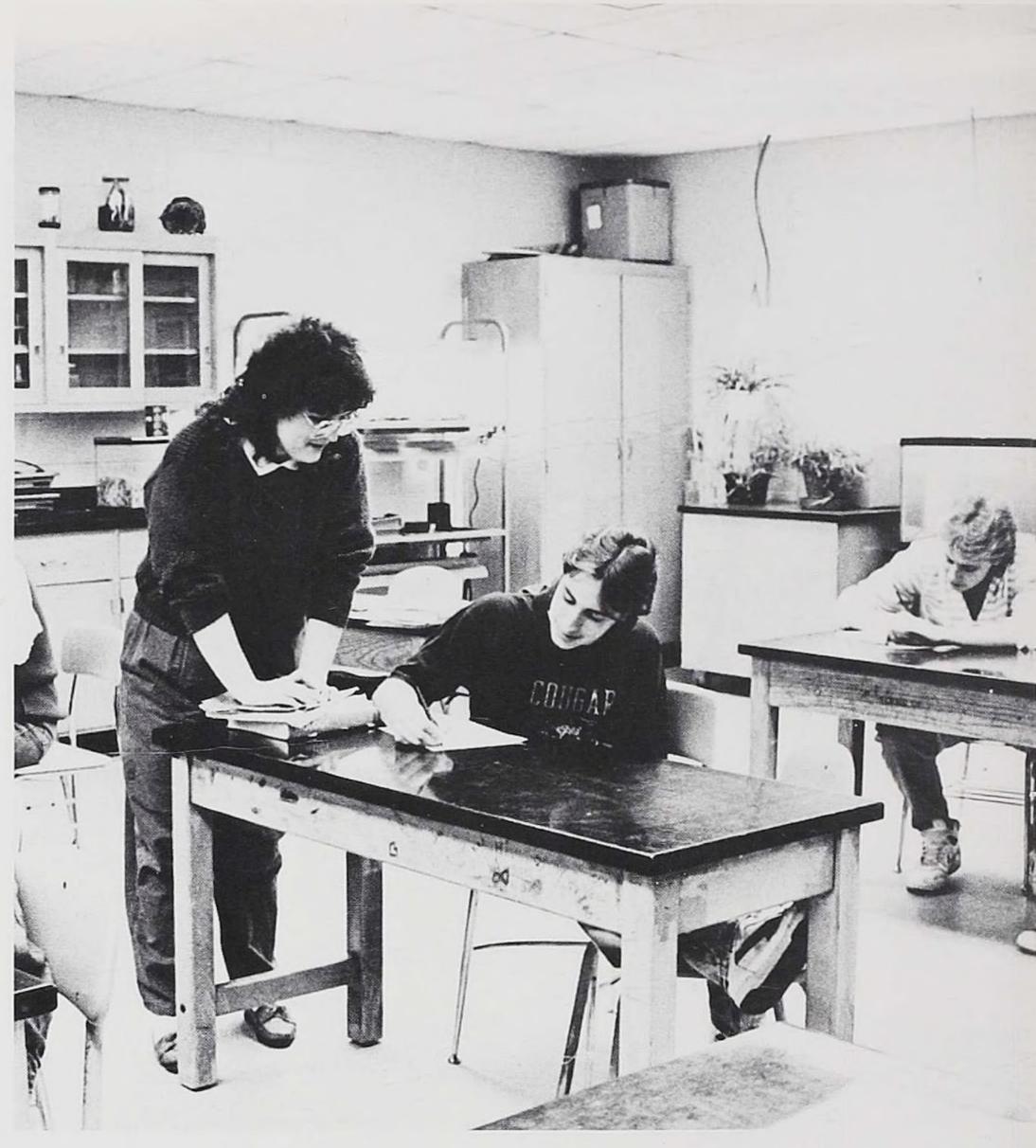
"Students must work harder at science because the many branches of science are changing rapidly", said Mr. Calhoun.

Several activities were open to science students this year. The advanced biology class participated in a six week research experiment and the underclassmen enjoyed Mr. Spier's outdoor hikes. New to our school was the chance to enroll in a science fair and the enrollment promises to be even greater next year.

> Mrs. Baker shows Greg Snyder how to approach a science problem.



Professor Ryan Pesce tests the elasticity of a rubber band in his advanced chemistry class.

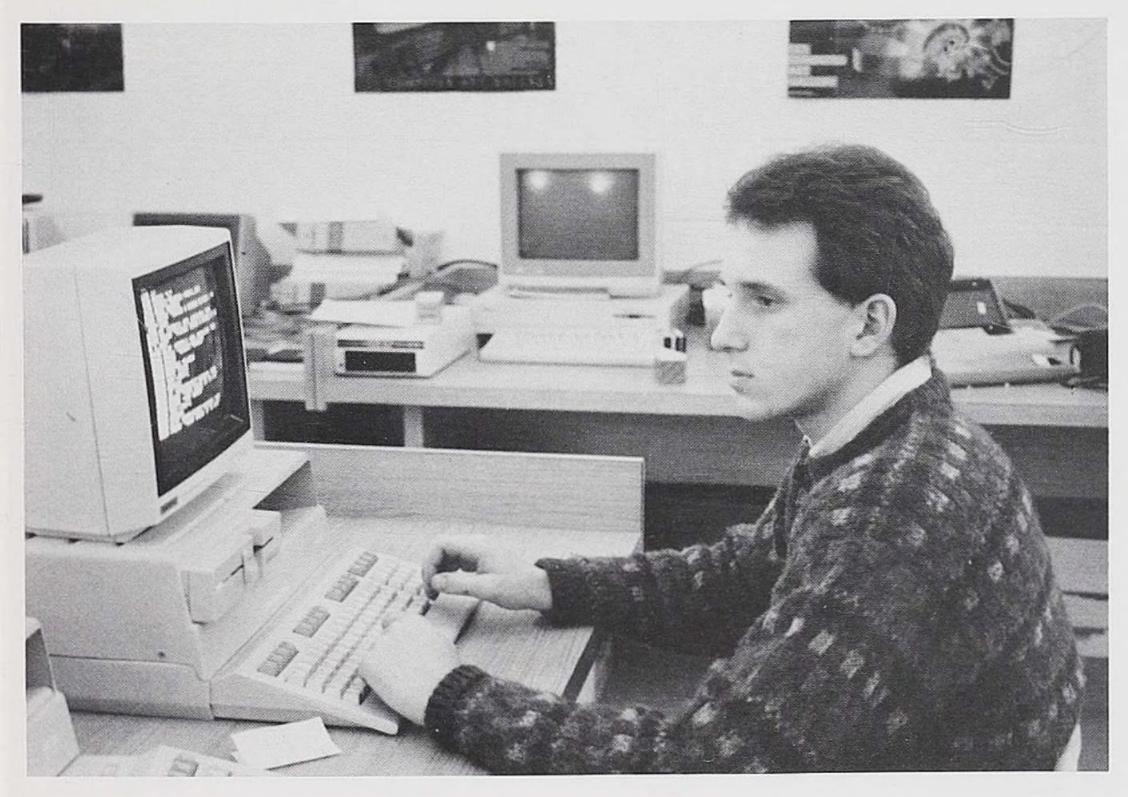


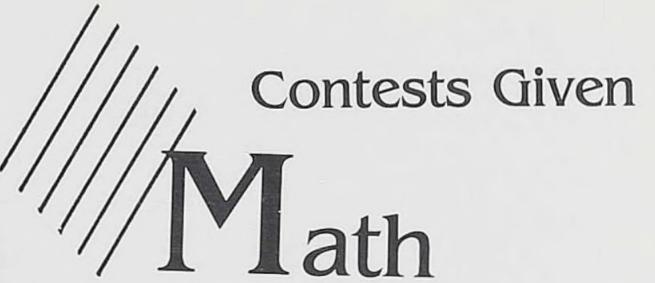


Mr. Woolsey helps Kathy Smith with a problem in advanced chemistry class while Steve Chance and Melissa Walma think it over.

Boardwork is an important part of math as seniors Lisa McCoy and Danielle Coffman demonstrate.



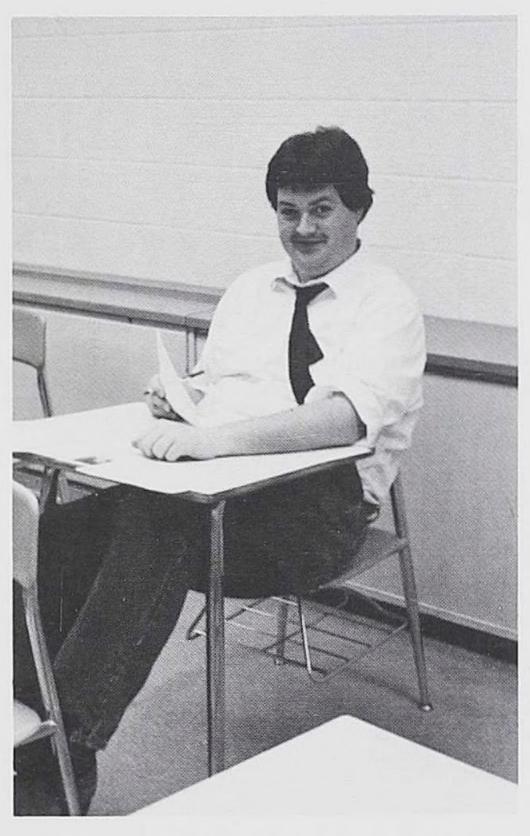




A variety of subjects in math, are offered at New Prairie incompassing courses in algebra, geometry, basic mathematics, advanced mathematics, and calculus. A five year program is also included in the math department for accelerated students.

Every year there are contests given for Algebra I, Algebra II, Advanced Math, and Calculus students, in which prizes are awarded.

"Studying math in high school gives a student more opportunities for a better vocation," said Mrs. Lindley, head of the math department.



Mr. Wade, one of many fine New Prairie math teachers, grades tests during his planning period.

Computers are the link to the future. Junior Bobby Johnson shows his interest in the computer field.

New Image Band

The New Prairie band had a new image this year. The band and choir members along with the music boosters worked hard and finally were able to buy new uniforms. To pay for the uniforms the students and parents had pizza and candy sales and also staged community talent shows.

The band also improved their sound. They went to contest and also had the regular concerts of the

Sophomore Stefanie Zerkle stated her favorite part of band was, "Listening to a song when you first play it and going back and listening to it three weeks later after we've worked it out and hearing the accomplishments we've made."

Sophomore Steve Kelley and senior Mike Tuszynski rock to the beat of "Mean Green Mother From Outer Space."



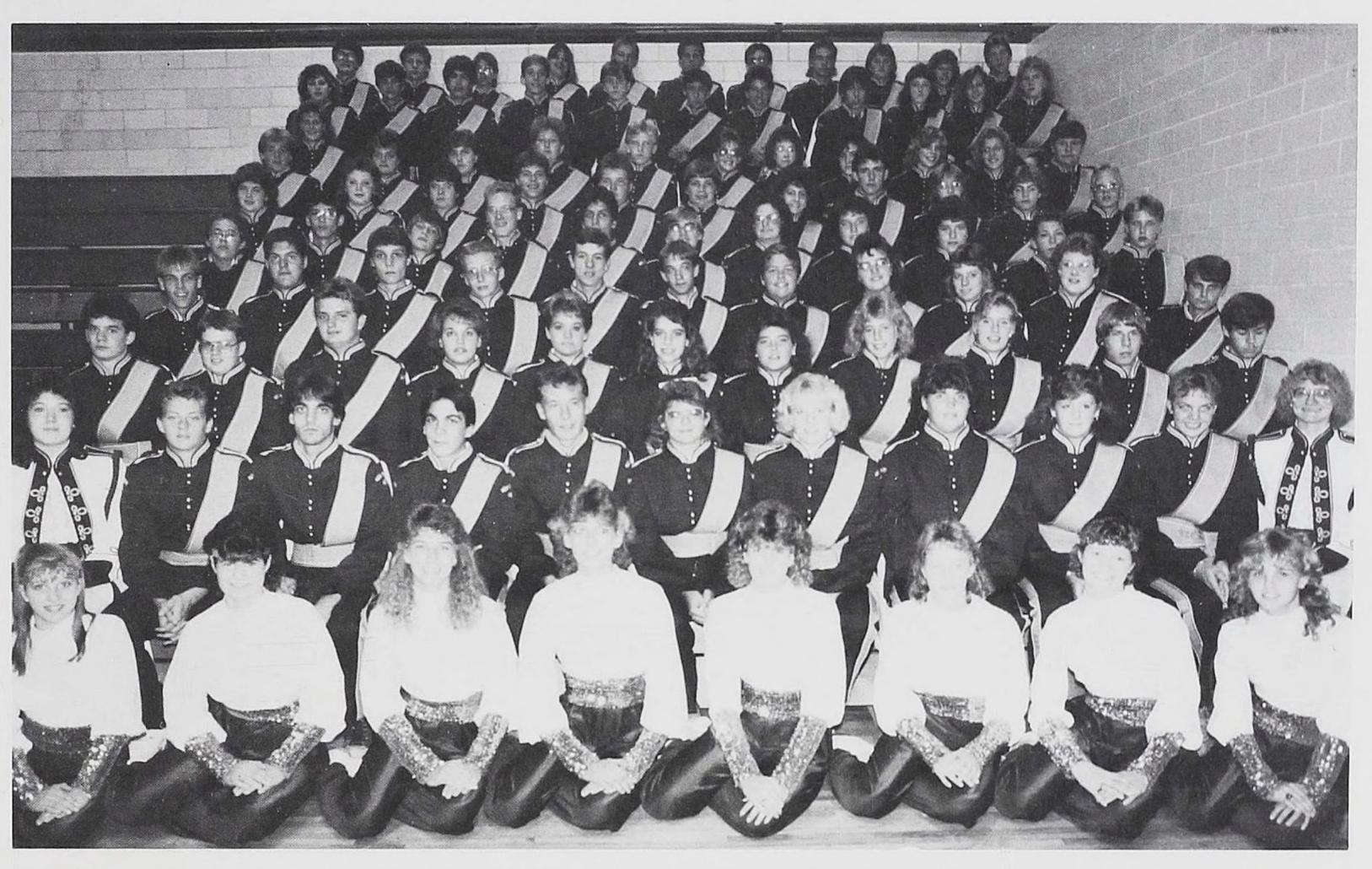


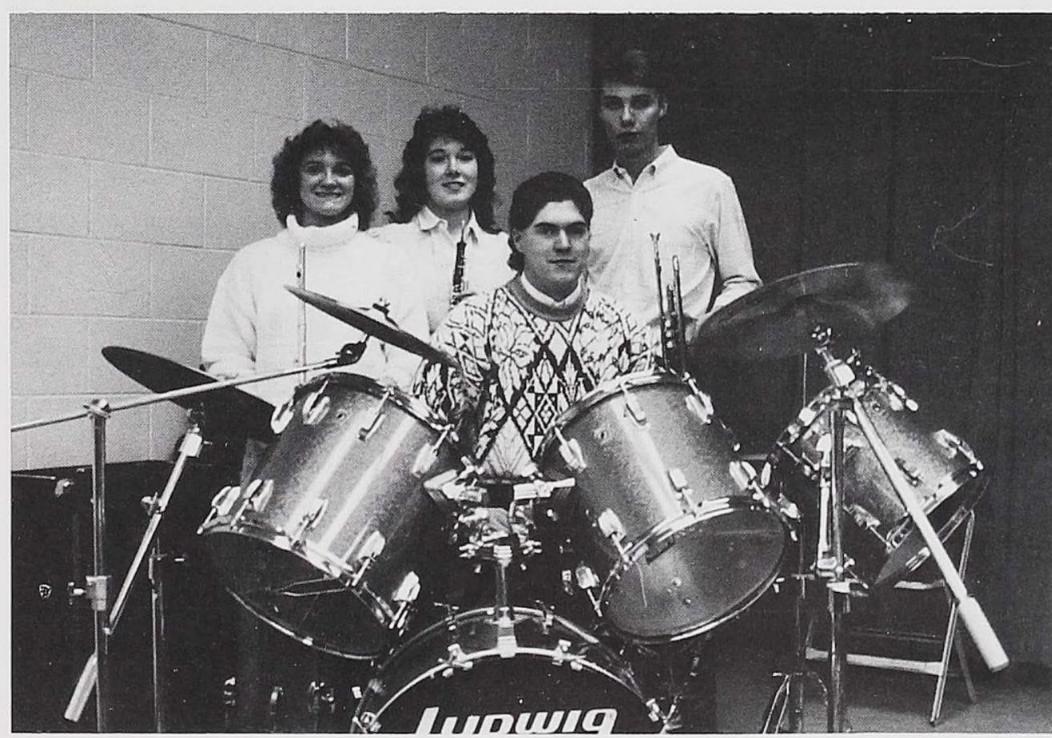
Band is a unique class. With over 100 people sometimes it can be hard to keep under control but so far Mr. Belsaas has done just that. The class gives students a chance to express themselves through music.

The New Prairie Pep Band supports the basketball team by playing at the games and showing their spirit.



Row 1 — Melissa Bromley, Julie Rose, Erin Murphy, Wendy Nelson, Lisa Murnane, Julie Lenig, Stefanie Zerkle, Michelle Ladwig Row 2 — Carla Scott, John Hooper, Tim Harshman, Andy Myer, Andy Eggers, Julie Kata, Virginia Casper, Karen Harbart, Debbie Patterson, Jennifer Ralston, Sarah Buehrer Row 3 — Kent Jensen, Kevin Zygmont, John Higgins, Janelle Crowl, Shani Whitteberry, Lisa McCoy, Stefanie Lenig, Danielle Coffman, Bridgette Joslin, Albert Wilson, Joe Egglston Row 4 — Kenny Miller, Jeff Harbart, Mike Tuszynski, Nick Fickel, Steve Kelley, Jeff Parsons, Gary Browning, Mary Blacharski, Sandy Marron, Bobbie Smith, Mike Shreeve Row 5 — Steve Senne, Joe VanWanzeele, Chuck Manzuk, Gabe Buss, Chris Peterich, Mike Starr, Mary Pointon, Dorthy Pointon, Adam Bennett, Bud Moore Row 6 — Jenny Ackerman, Jackie Jandrisovits, Kris McConnell, Chris Humbarger, Steve Stafford, Andy Koselke, Kim Lapczynski, Paul Hay, Robin Hughes, Tonya Nickerson, Matt Hooton Row 7 — Alex Holliday, Jennifer Bazemore, Tammy Nickerson, Jenny Parsons, Jim Favere, Kelly Miller, Beth Adams, Deb Emerick, Melissa Walma, Gail Brashear, Mike Krivak Row 8 — Beth Starr, Jennie Murnane, Eric Fredenberg, Wayne Brewer, Jeff Akin, Nic VanSchoyck, Dean Newland, Kasey Sabinas, Kristen Ward, Angie Yackus Row 9 — Terry Adrian, Noah Fickel, Dan McCoy, Sue Sullivan, Andy Miles, Darrell Knowlton, Derek Babcock, Brent Loucks, Jackie Krueger, Angie Kafka, Ron Rybicki





The band officers are Sarah Buehrer; secretary; senior drum major; Carla Scott sophomore drum major; Mike Tuszynski; vice president, Jeff Harbart; president

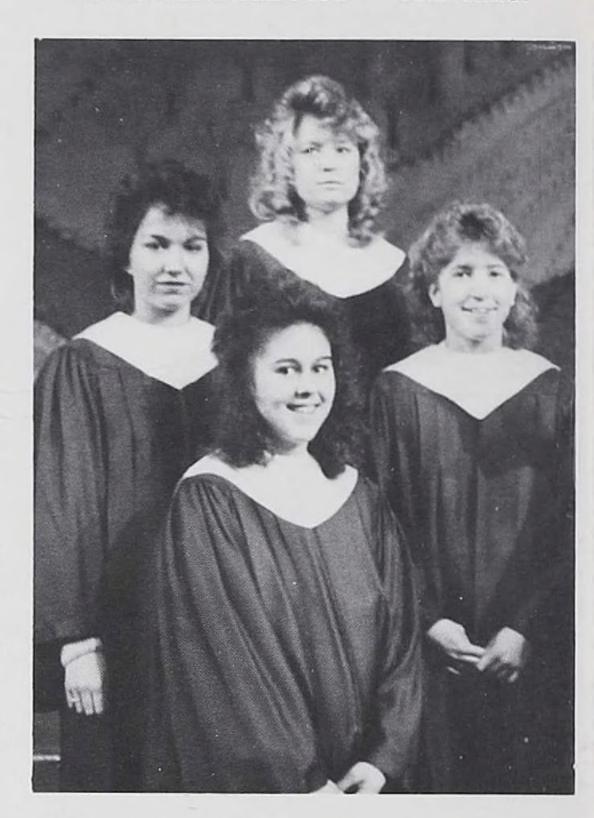


The New Prairie choir was busy with many activities this year. The first of these activities was the first opera performed at New Prairie, the Impresario. Soon after the opera was finished musical tryouts and practices began. This years musical was *Plain and Fancy*.

"You end up being friends with people you never thought you'd be close to friends with before. The musical basically brings both choirs together" commented freshman Julie Kata.

The swing choir performed at various places and renamed themselves the "Golden Blues."

Junior Mark Dillon probably speaks for everyone in choir by saying, "Choirs great, I love it. The A Cappella Choir is jammin'. We've been pretty vicious this year."





A Capella Choir; First row — Brenda Peterson, Beth Adams, Stefanie Lenig, Shannon Miller, Brian Covert, Chuck DePoy, Mark Dillon, William Frazier, Deann Scott, Tyra Albertson, Carrie Stutzman, Angie Kafka. Second row — Angie Hostetler, Kathy Norris, Ana Sanchez, Kim Dadlow, Laura Kennedy, Bill Perz, Mike Ackerman, Gina Morgan, Barb Morrow, Lynne Harris, Janice John, Trisha Jurkowski. Third row — Dawn Pike, Carla Scott, Shellie Williams, Kenny Peterson, Kevin Dixon, Mark Zollman, Randy Livinghouse, Tootie Robinson, Christy Marcum, Mrs. Mitchell.

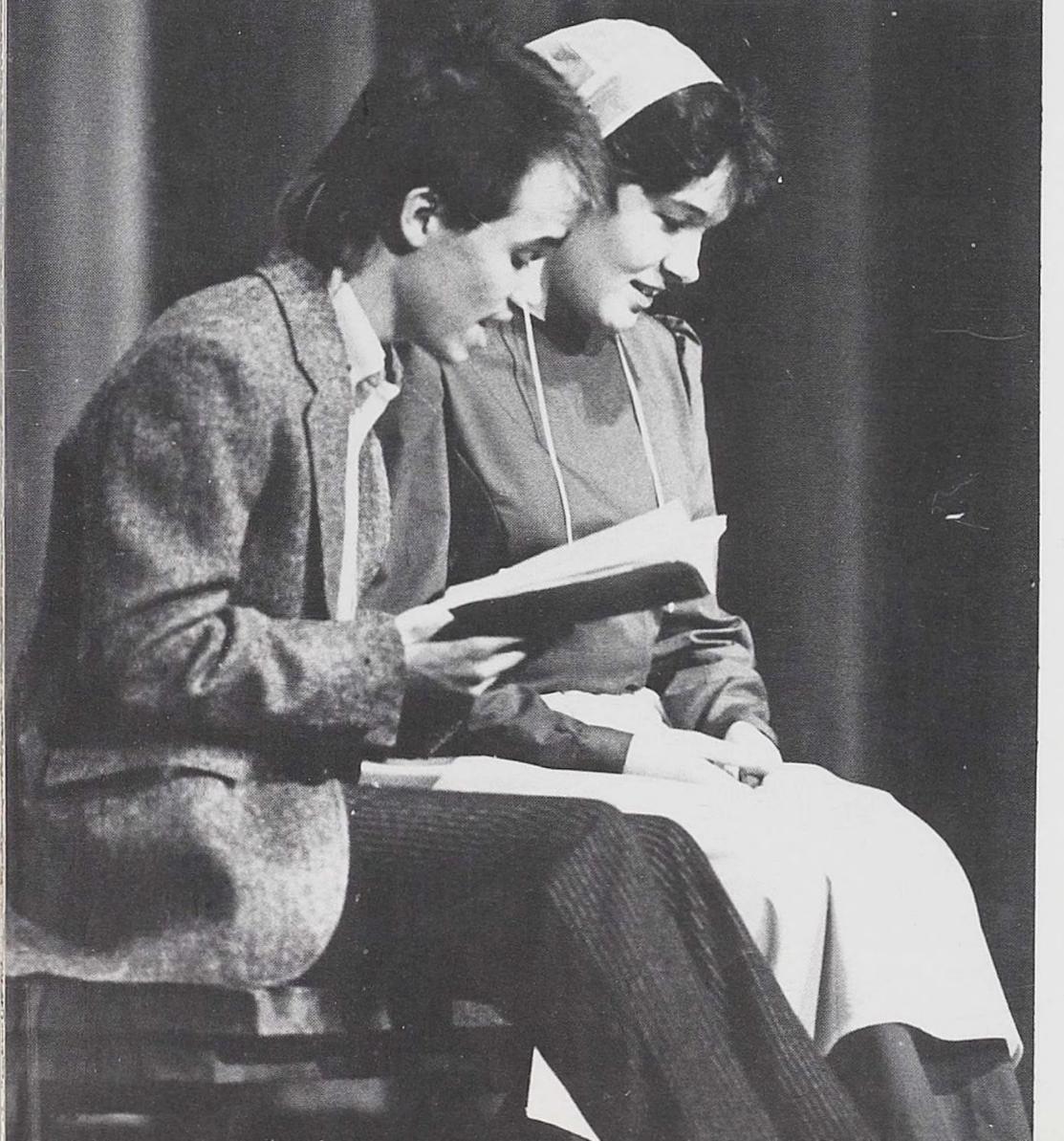


A Capella officers; Kim Dadlow, Carla Scott, Stefanie Lenig, Shellie Williams



During class junior Mark Dillon and freshman Angie Kafka practice for Mark's solo.

Junior Mark Dillon and sophomore Carla Scott perform during the musical.



Prepares students for life

Family living class offers you a chance to relax and talk with your peers. Here seniors Crissy Elkins, Susan Makowski and Robert Casper "chill out".

Tome Ec

New Prairie's home economics department plays a large role in preparing students for their life after high school. Teaching skills in classes such as food preparation and family living gives students a chance to learn domestic skills.

When asked what he liked most about family living class senior Robert Casper replied, "I like being able to sit back for an hour and relax while I'm still learning."



Mrs. Lynch retired this year in between semesters. She will be missed by many students and other teachers immensly.

Mrs. Shepard talks to her family living class while senior Gina Minasion attentively takes notes.





Students Relax And Have Fun

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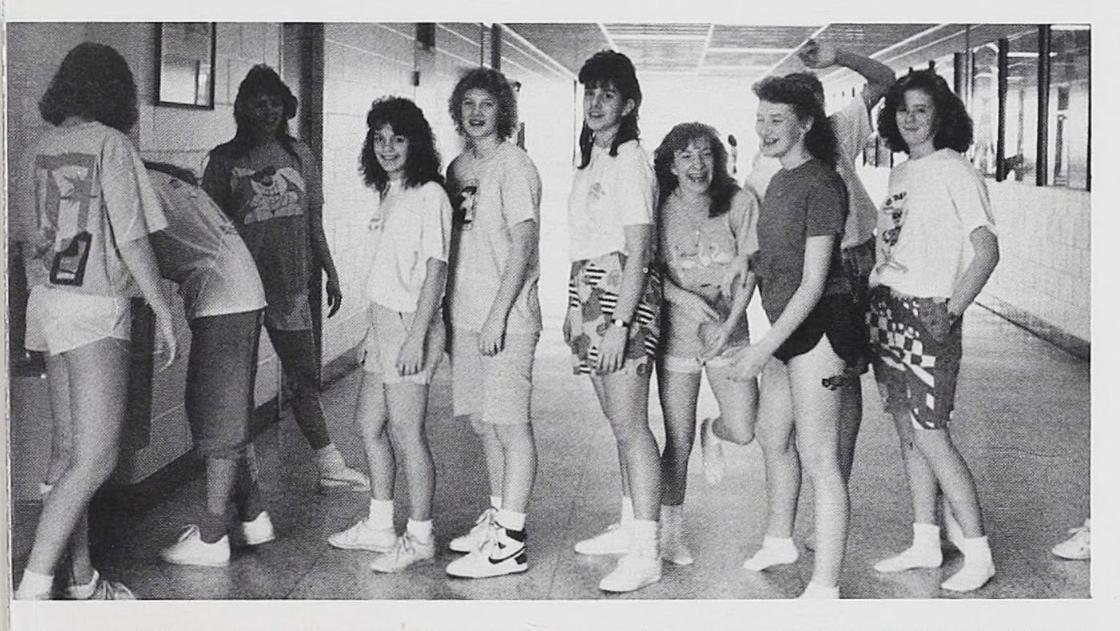
Sophomore Jeff Workman argues with Coach Jennings about an unfair call.

Sophomore Russ Shankland tosses the soccer ball inbounds.

Physical education classes are a way for students to relax and have fun. Mrs. Nova, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Snyder try to make it as enjoyable for everyone as posssible. Their over-all goal is to teach students life-time skills that are used in everydaylife.

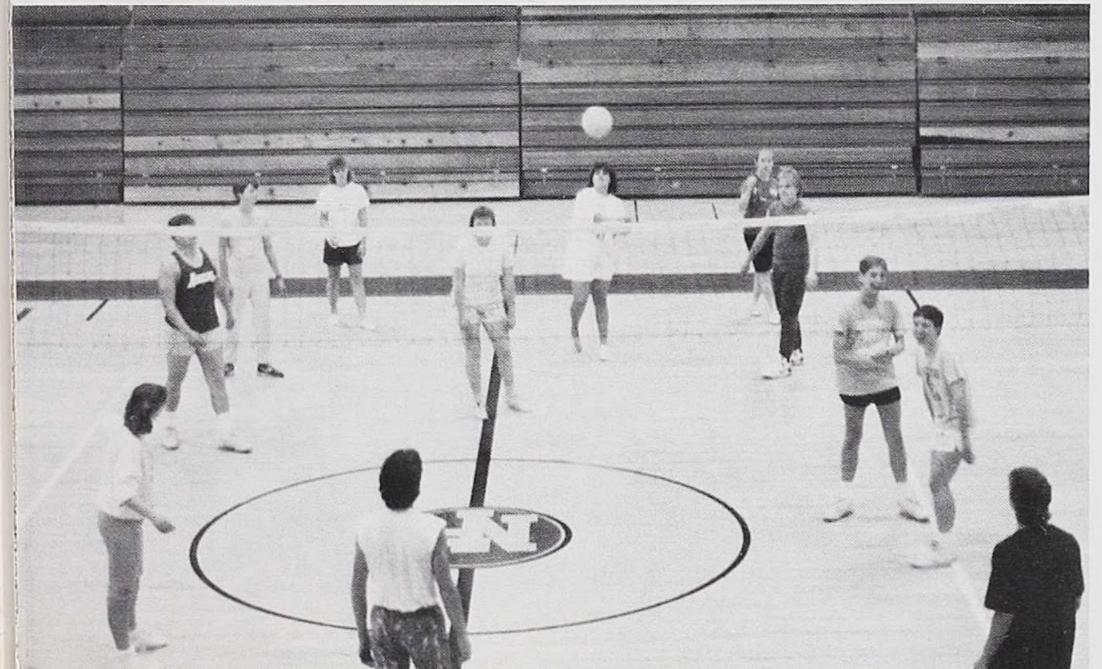
Although it is only mandatory for freshmen and sophomores to take a semester of gym, many upper-classmen sign up for advanced classes. Whether in regular phys.ed. or an advanced class, everyone appreciates a little time out from the regular textbook work. Junior Derek Babcock said, "Gym gave me a chance to relax, and I didn't have to worry if I had my homework done."

For most students, gym served as a much needed break from the regular routine of the school day, as well as a challenging way to learn valuable skills.



Doing areobics is hot work! Sophomores and freshmen get in line for the drinking fountain after a strenuous workout.

Volleyball is the sport you will most often see this gym class doing during the cold and rainy months.. Here freshmen Karen Harbart is seen returning the ball to the opponents.



New Additions

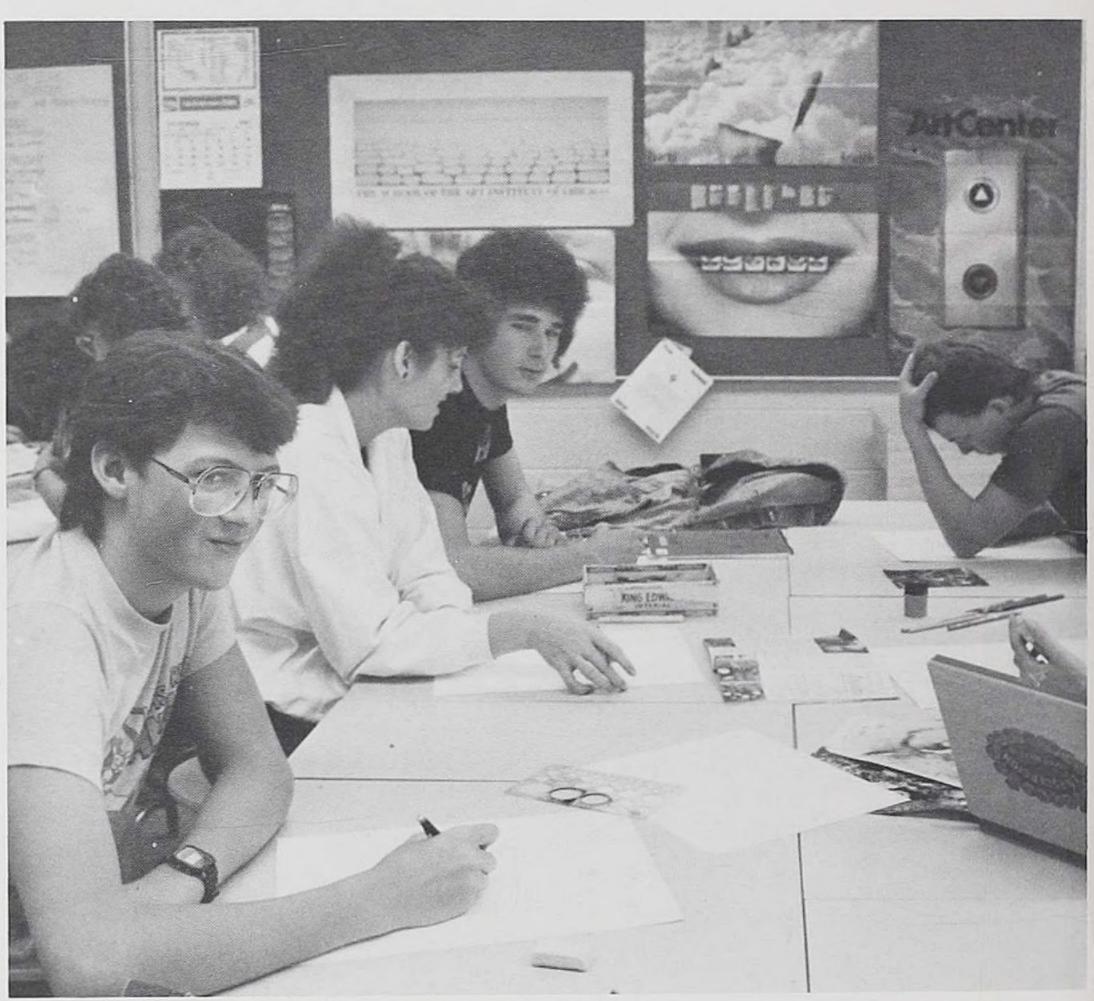
There are various aspects and classes that make up New Prairie's art program. An art student starts out with basic art is a general course covering drawing, ceramics, painting, sculpture, and print making.

There are excellent advanced courses in ceramics and drawing. NPHS offers studio art which is for art majors in which any area of art can be explored including oil painting. New to the art department this year is an air brush and etching which is a type of print making on metal plates.



As a tribute to her favorite baseball team, the Chicago Cubs, senior Jenny Houseknecht draws a basket full of baseballs.

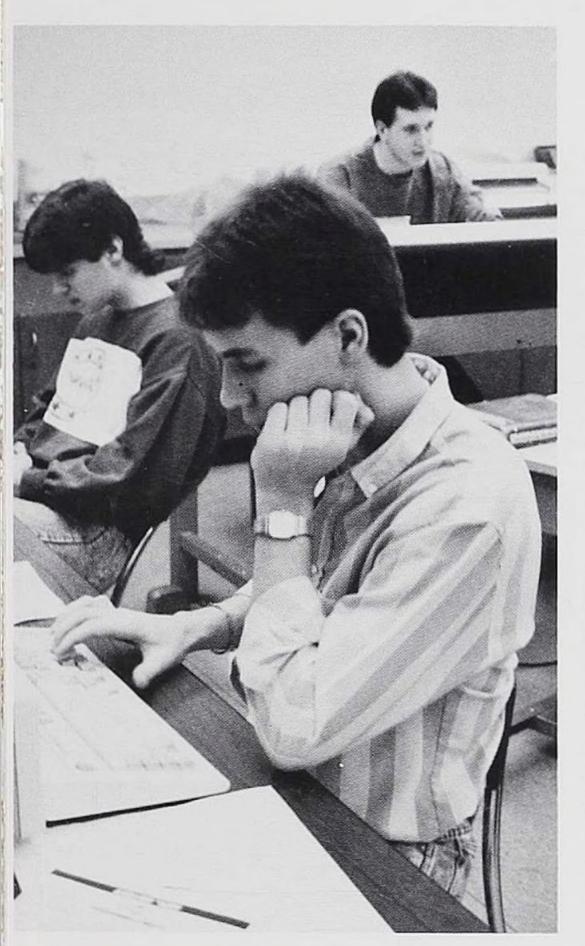




Art offers a variety of classes to take. Drawing is just one aspect of the field of art.

Senior Sarah Buehrer works with colored pencils for her newest drawing.





Wide Variety Of Classes Offered

Industrial Arts

The industrial arts department offers a wide variety of classes.

Mr. Tolmen teaches the mechanical drawing classes. Mechanical drawing is a study of the graphic language which includes perspective and parallel projections.

Mr. Kane's metals class helps students develop skills necessary for competence and gain understanding of occupational requirements and opportunities in the field of machine tools. In woods classes students acquire knowledge and skills in wood working through the use of educational me-

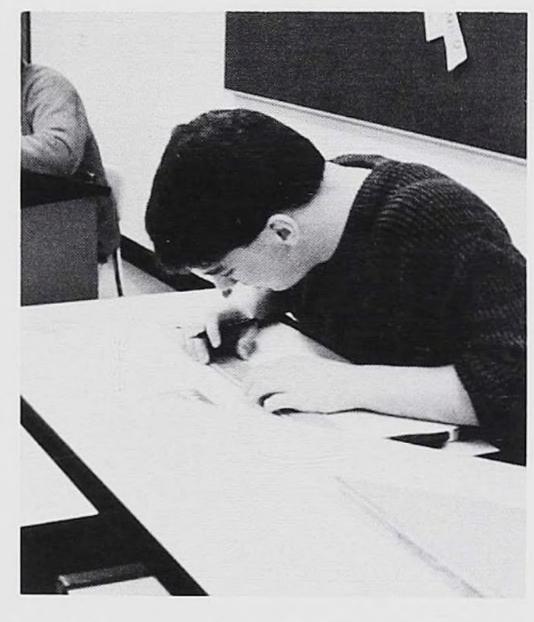
Senior Steve Schroeder pecks away at his computer in his computer assistant drawing class.

dia, tools, and machines. The residential construction class is a two hour course in which students study home construction techniques.

Mr. Johnson teaches general mechanics, small engine repair and auto trades. The auto trades class is a vocational class, but it is part of the Industrial Arts Department.







Junior Dave Kirkham fervently works on his electrical floor plan for Brian Bosworth.

Working as a doubles team seniors Wendy Tobolski and Rachael Tukos attempt a program.

Students in Mr. Tolmen's advanced drawing class dutifully work on their floor plans.

Keyboarding Still Necessary For Success

Business

Students listen attentively as they try to master the laws of business.

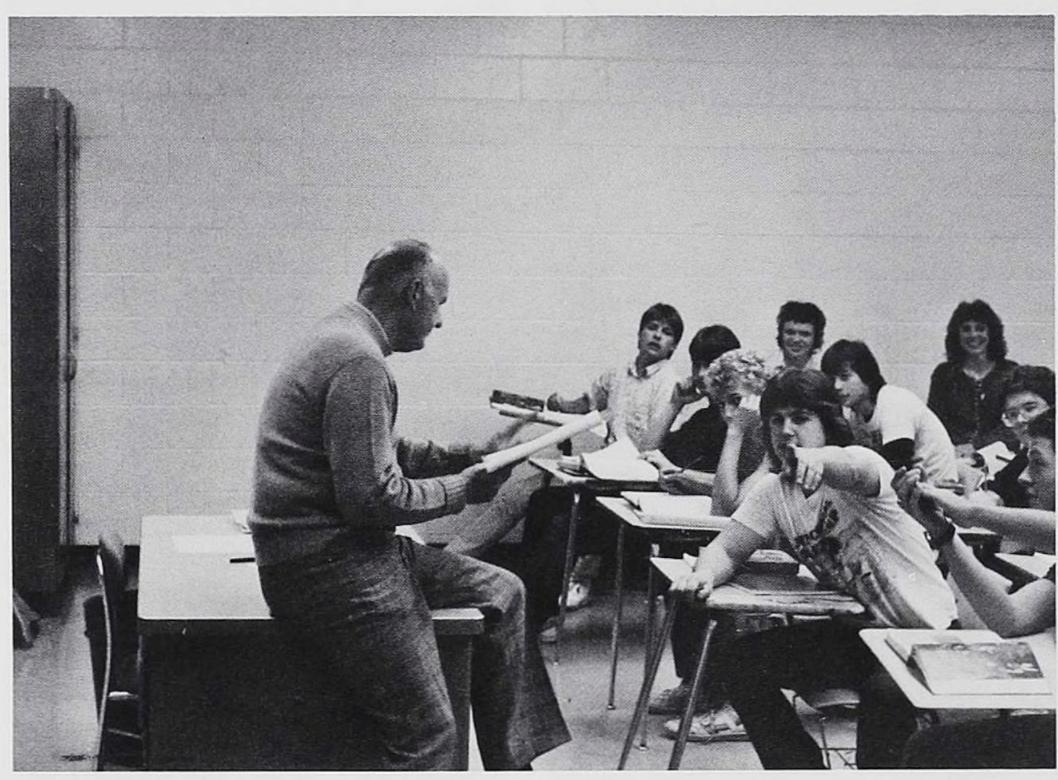
The New Prairie Business Department offers classes in typing, accounting, shorthand, clerical records and word processing. They can offer a student classes like introduction to business, or a student can learn about law of business. Students even learn the operation of basic office machines.

"With today's computer age it has become more important for students to have knowledge of the key board. Those students who learn the keyboard and learn it well, will have a better opportunity of finding an occupation in many different fields," said teacher Mr. Moffitt.

Mr. Haag and Mr. Hamilton along with Mr. Moffitt teach business courses.

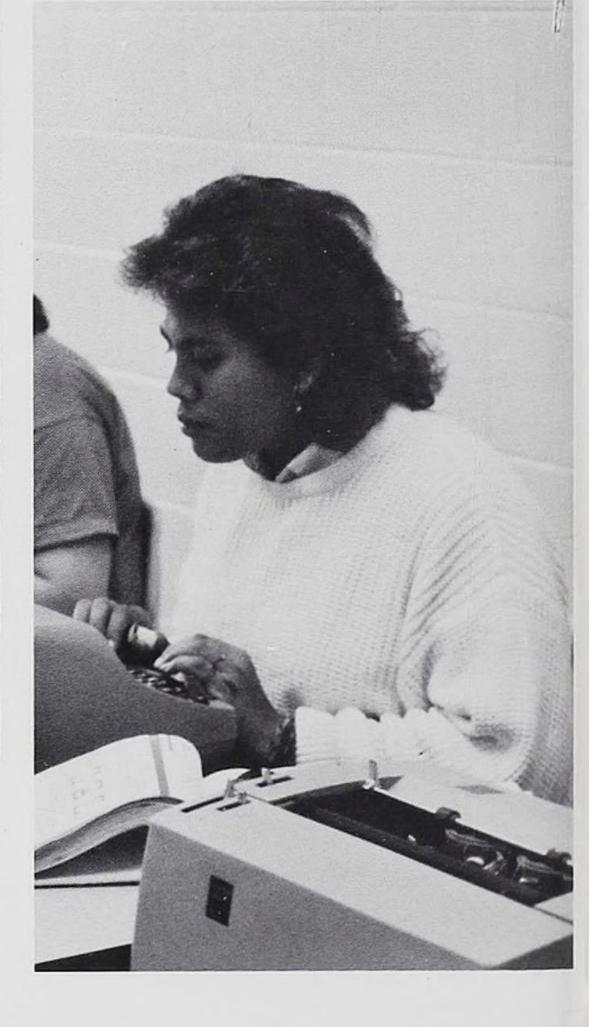
Many students take business courses to develop skills that will aid them in college or business careers.



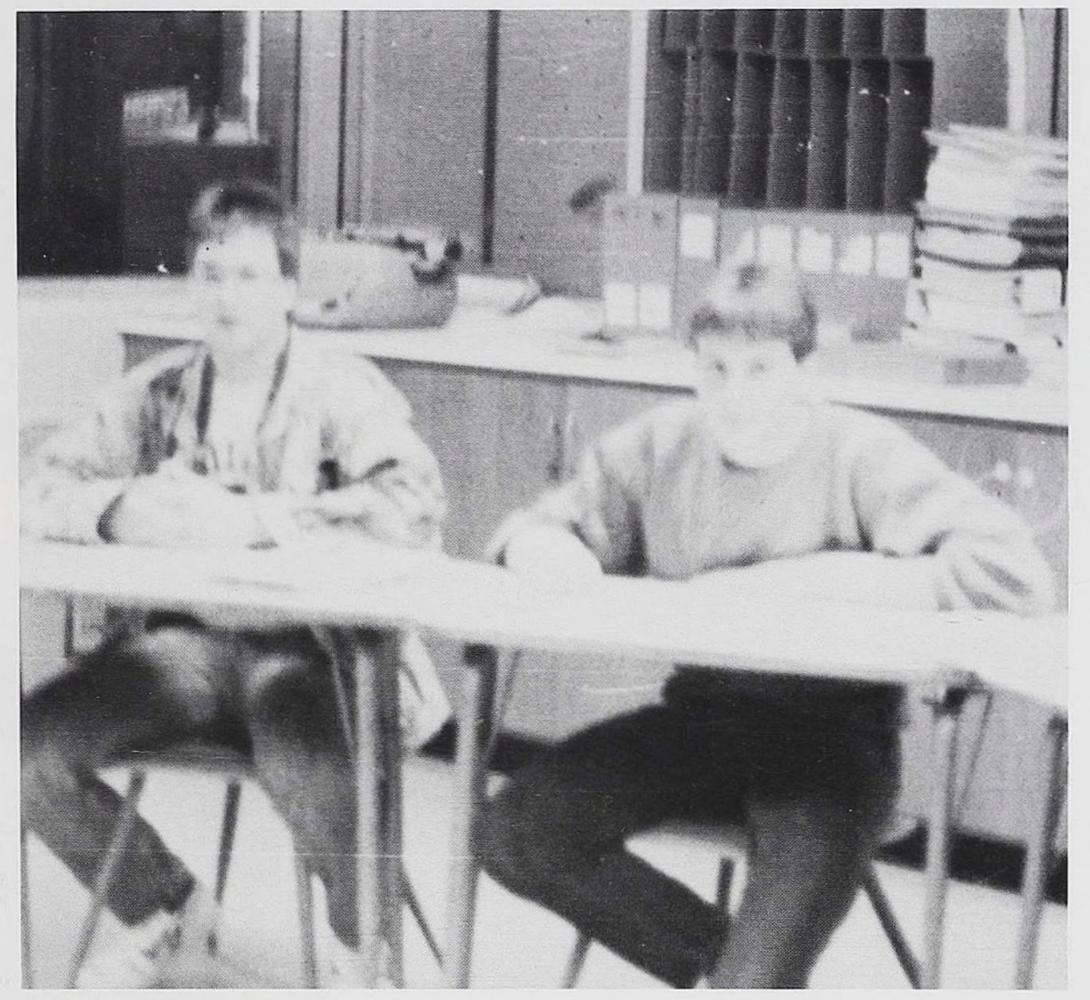


Mr. Hamilton tries to control his students as they motion toward the camera.

Junior Carol Overmyer dutifully types away in her typing I class.



Agriculture students study during their fourth hour Ag. class.



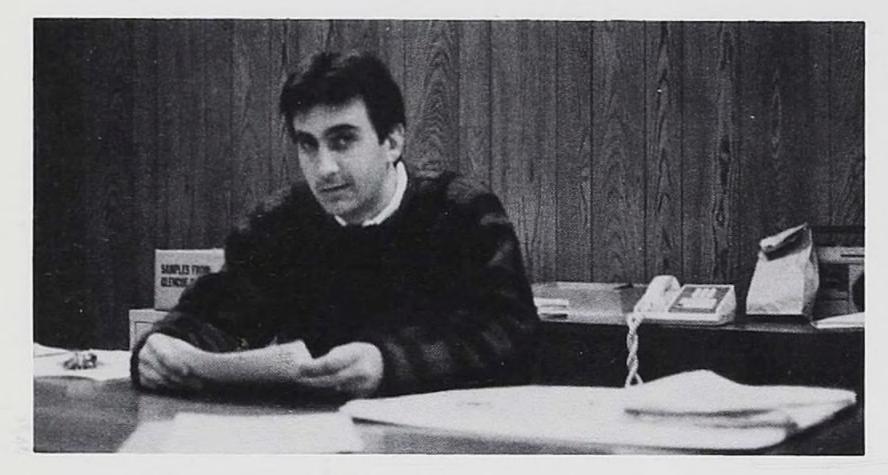


When students think about agriculture class, they automatically think farming. Nowadays it covers a much wider variety of topics. Freshmen start out in regular Ag. or Ag. I which covers the basics of agriculture. These sophomores, juniors, and seniors that stick with it are put in Advanced Ag. In this class, they not only study farming but they also cover animal science, crop science, wildlife, forestry, and other related areas. The neat thing about this class is that the same topics are only studied once every four years. This means if a sophomore wants to continue in Ag. thru his senior year, he will never study the same thing twice.



Senior Ag. students Clint Crump and Dan DeMeyer laugh at underclassmen.

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Mr. Robert Harbart — Principal



Dr. Keith Powell — Superintendant



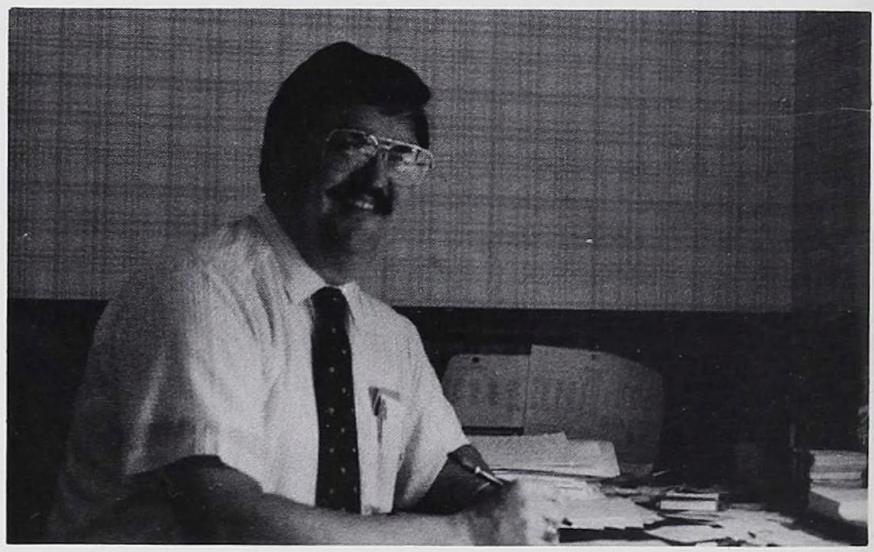
Mr. Keith Kauffman — Athletic Director



Mr. Charles Stephens — Curriculum Director



Mrs. Patricia Mrozinski — Secretary



Mr. Jeffrey Rehlander — Assistant Principal



Mrs. Maxine Hardy — Attendance Secretary



Mr. James Anderson — Guidance Counselor



Miss Mary Adnson — Guidance Counselor

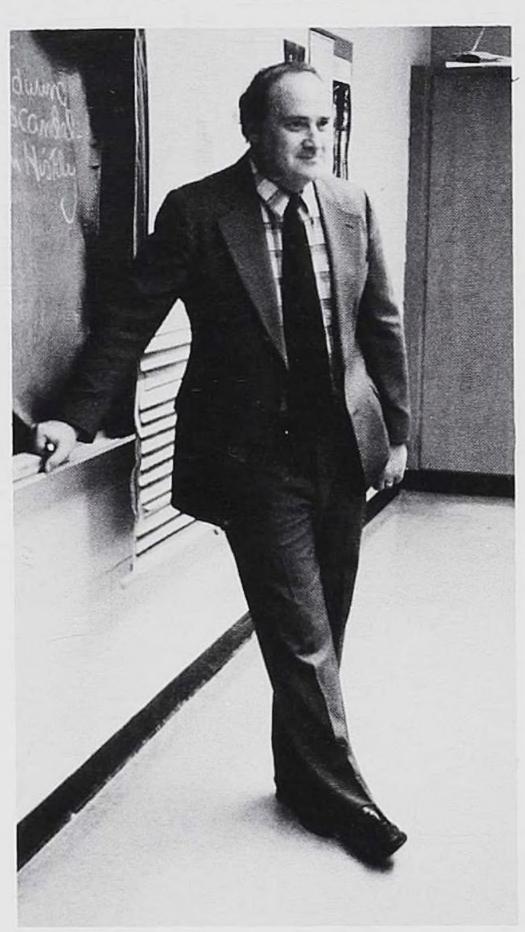


Mrs. Mary Allegrette — Guidance Secretary



The New Prairie faculty is a fine group of dedicated people. These people help to prepare us for college and post-graduation life.

Language teacher Miss Kindt commented, "It was an interesting year full of exciting changes and I am looking forward to next year."



Mr. Olsen announces that it's time for a "quizzy poo".

Dean Newland helps Mr. Eldridge sort through the mess on his desk after a tough days work.

Mrs. Higgins prepares to cut paper for art class.







Mark Belsaas Susan Brasseur Jack Calhoun Ronald Colborne

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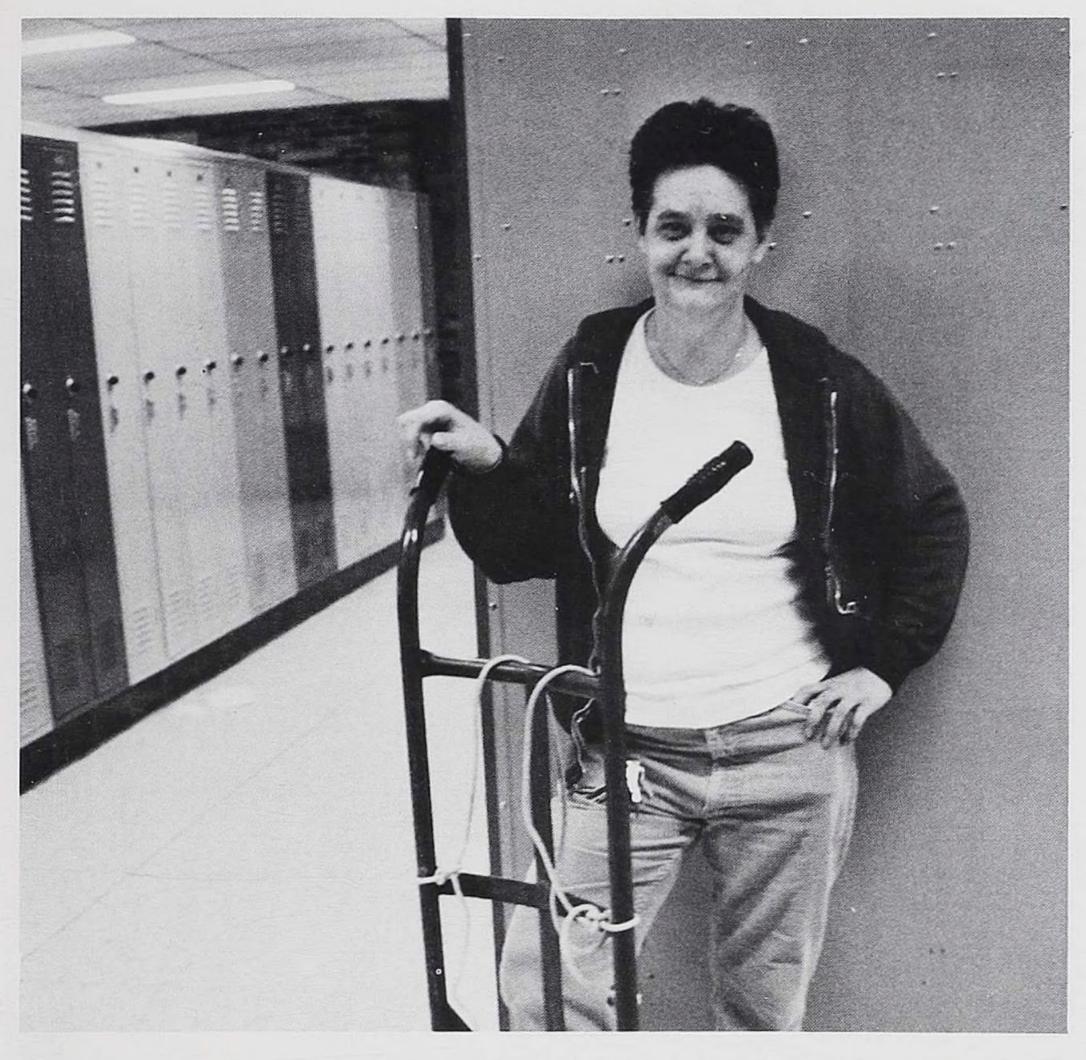
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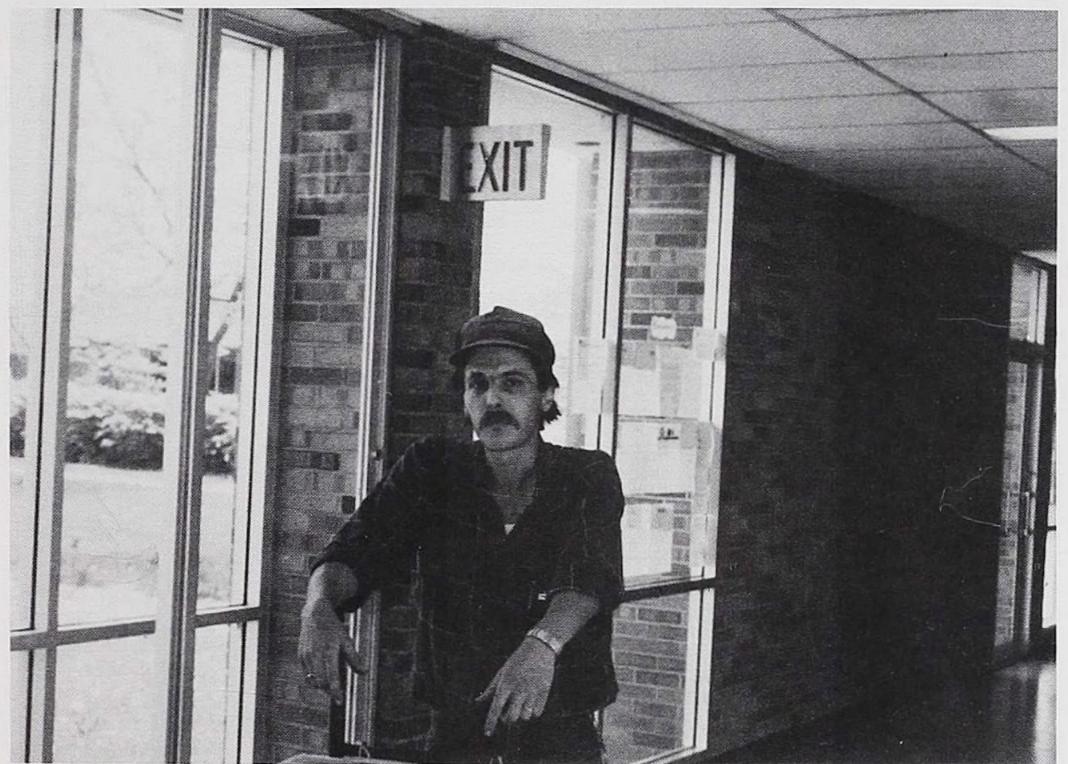
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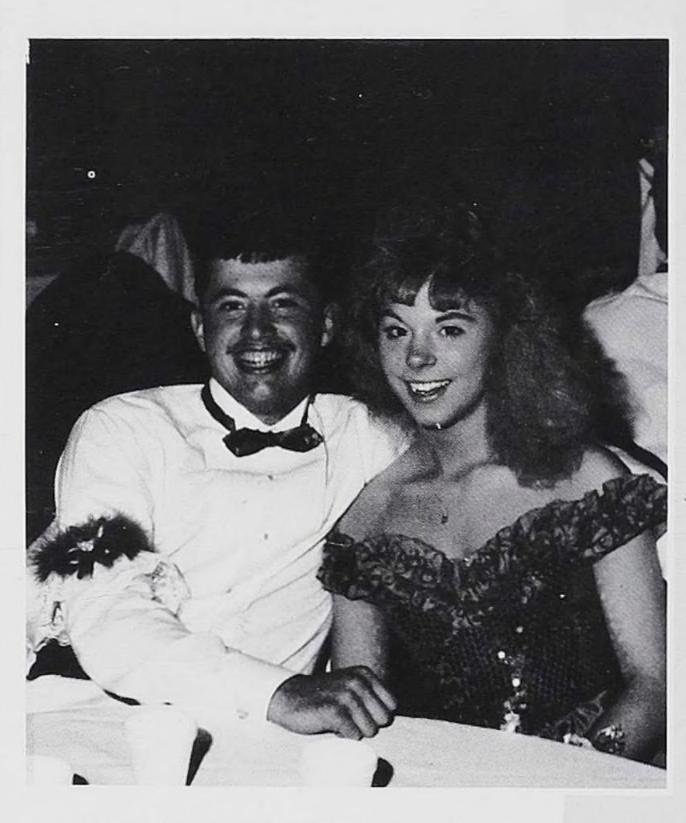




Custodian Gary B.

SENIORS

It seems like it took so long to get to the goal of being seniors. But here they are. Forming the stud wall, making it hard for any underclassmen to pass by. The year was hard though. The seniors had to break in a whole new administration, you know, show them the ropes. Avoiding Mr. Rehlander became a new challenge. By the end of the year almost all of them caught "senioritis" and couldn't wait to get out!

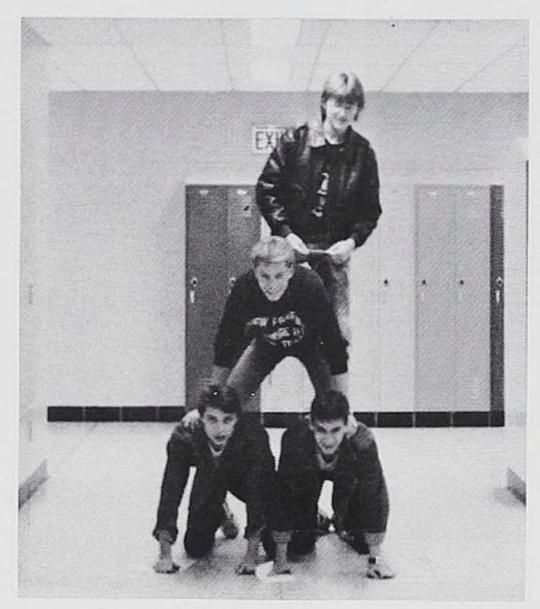


Dean Schmidt and Kim Hartz relax at Prom.

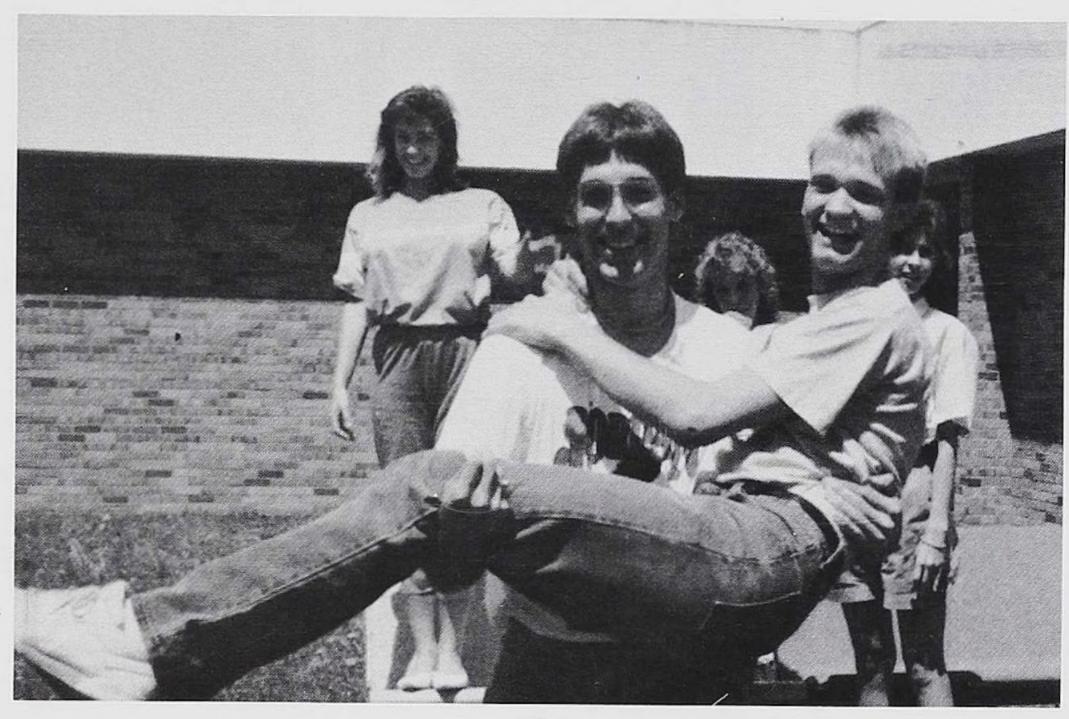
Senior class officers — Treasurer Wendy Plank, student senate Jody Livinghouse, student senate Mike Tuszynski, president Cindy Plank, vice-president Karen Horvath, secretary Debbie McAtee.







Messing around as always seniors Mike Tuszynski, Ryan Pesce, Tom Lode, and at the top of the pyramid Steve Chance.



COUGARS

Isn't that cute! Senior Brian Witkowski gives Rob Risner a lift.

Basketball studs pause to look tough. Seniors Russ Allegrette, Brian Witkowski, and Tom Washburn.

Jennifer Lynn Ackerman Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club



Elizabeth Susanna Adams Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society - 3, 4; Swing Choir — 3, 4; Musical — 2; Pit Orchestra - 3, 4

Russell Patrick Allegrette Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club— 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2; Tennis — 1, 2, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4



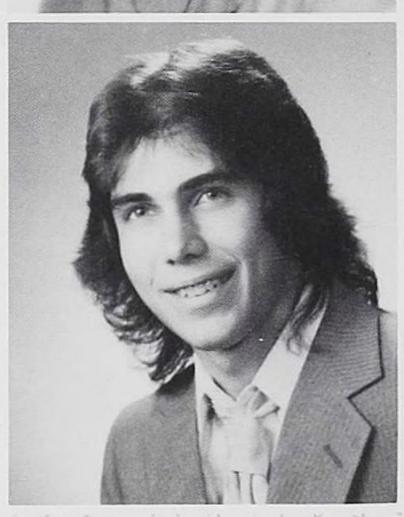
Anthony Lee Artist Art Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track -1, 2, 3

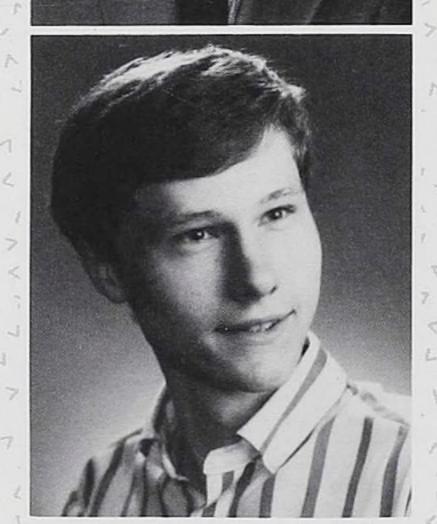
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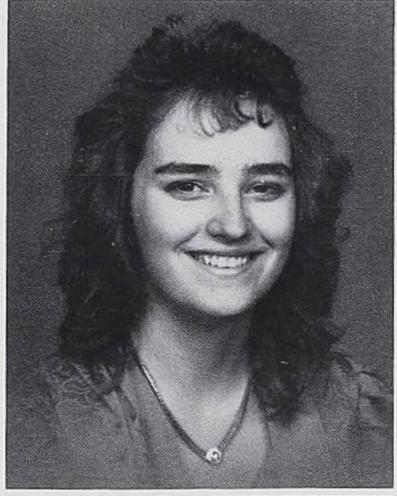
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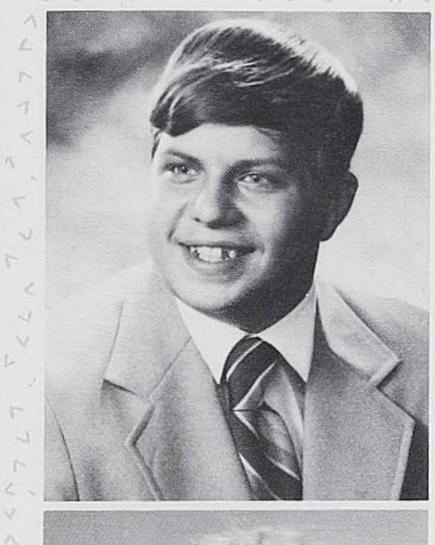


Lyle Allan Benson Art Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA — 1, 2; Honor Society — 3, 4; Track — 2, 4; Cross Country — 1; Basketball — 4

Mary Anne Blacharski



Donald George Blint, Jr.



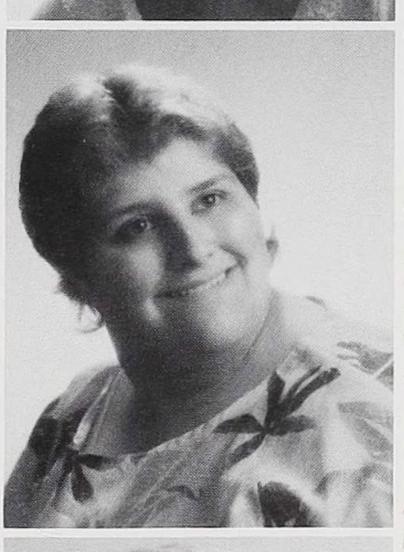
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Traci Robin Bolinger Band — 1; Cheerleader — 2; Pep Club — 2; Student Council

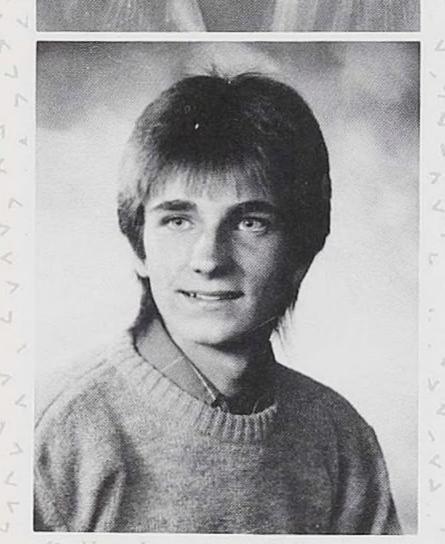


Paula Jane Brown



Carla Cay Buehrer Choir — 1, 2, 3, 4; Cougar Chronicle — 4; Girls' Service Club — 1;OEA — 1; Pep Club — 1, 2; Spanish Club — 1; Yearbook — 1, 2





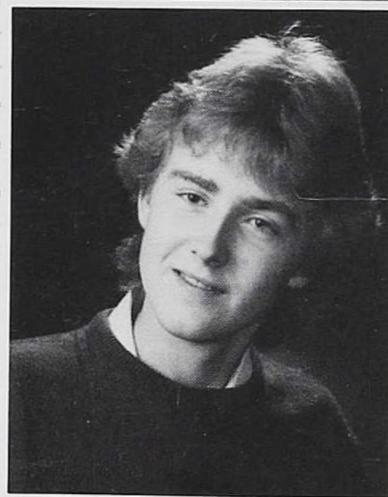
Jeffrey Robert Buss Golf - 1, 2, 3, 4

Virginia Ellen Casper Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; OEA — 3; Spanish Club — 4; Tennis — 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook — 1, 2, 3, 4



Gregory Lewis Chambers Choir — 1, 2, 3, 4

Steven Matthew Chance



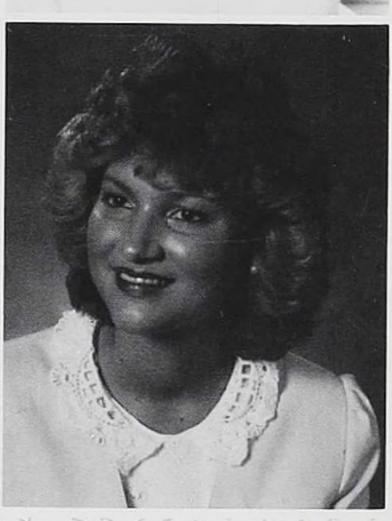
Jessica Ann Clark
FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Service
Club — 2

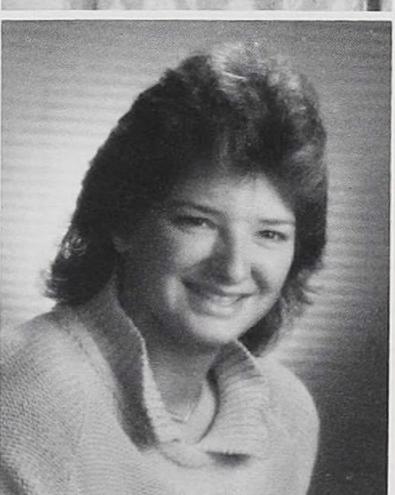
Kathleen Ann Coffeen
Art Club — 2, 3, 4; Honor
Society — 3, 4; Spanish Club —
2; Tennis — 2; Yearbook — 2;
Cross Country — 2



Danielle Renea Coffman
Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club
— 1, 2, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4;
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Spanish Club — 4; Tennis — 1,
2, 3, 4; Yearbook — 2, 3, 4

Angie Marie Connors Cougar Chronicle — 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Yearbook — 4





Theresa Marie Cowgill
French Club — 1, 3; Honor
Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 2,
3, 4; Swimming — 2, 3, 4;
Tennis — 2, 3, 4; Track 1

Clinton Russell Crump

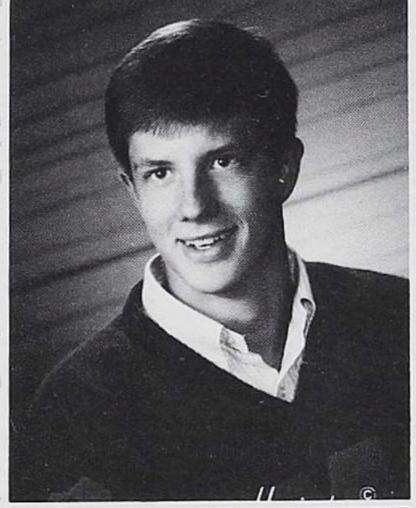
FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society

— 3, 4; Letter Club — 3, 4;

Swimming — 3, 4; Track — 3, 4;

Cross Country — 1, 2;

Basketball — 1



Jennifer Marie Dalkowski Girls' Service Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

Daniel Gene Demeyer FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4



Marianne Edwards Girls' Service Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

Charlotte Christine Elkins Girls Service Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

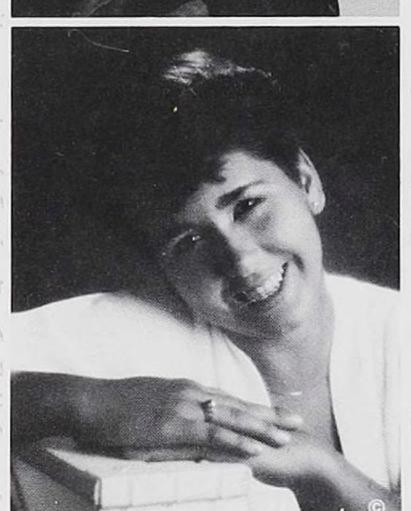




Shawn Ronald Estep Ski Club — 4

Pamela Lynn Everill Girls' Service Club — 1; Spanish Club — 1, 2



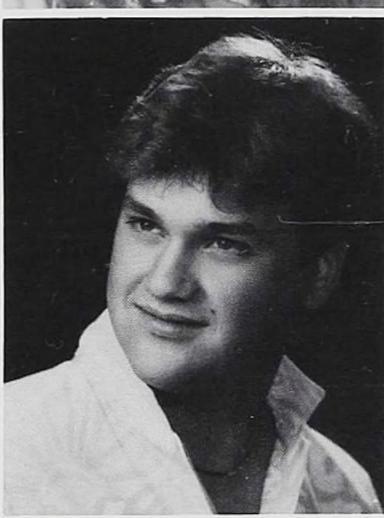


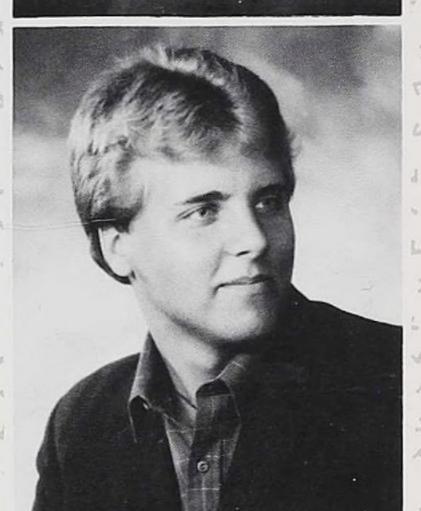
Joann Gabrysazak
Art Club — 2, 3, 4; Girls' Service
Club — 2, 3; Basketball Mgr —
3, 4; Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; OEA
— 3, 4; Swimming — 1, 2, 3, 4;
Track Mgr — 2, 3, 4; Yearbook
— 3

Christy Ann Gaertner
Choir — 1; Girls' Service Club
— 1

Krista Carlene Gam Art Club — 3, 4; Choir — 1, 2; FA — 3, 4; French Club — 1, 2; OEA 4

Tabb Steven Gesse French Club — 2, 3; Golf — 2; Honor Society — 3, 4; OEA — 3, 4; Student Council — 1, 3

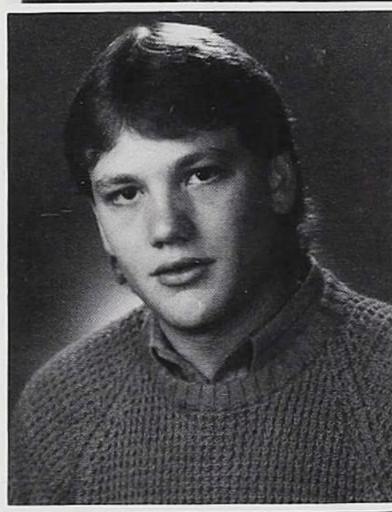




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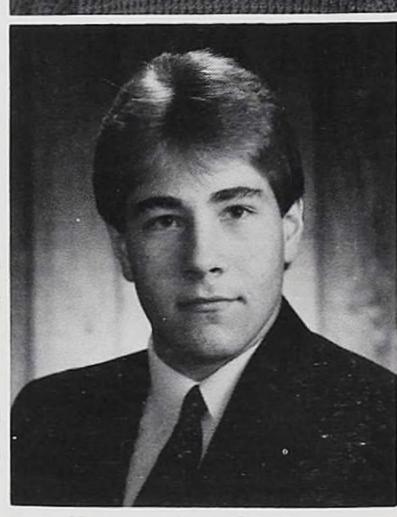
Julie Ann Golden
Cougar Chronicle — 4;
Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor
Society —3, 4; Letter Club — 1,
2, 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2;
Track — 1, 2, 3; Volleyabll — 1,
2, 3, 4





Todd Griffin





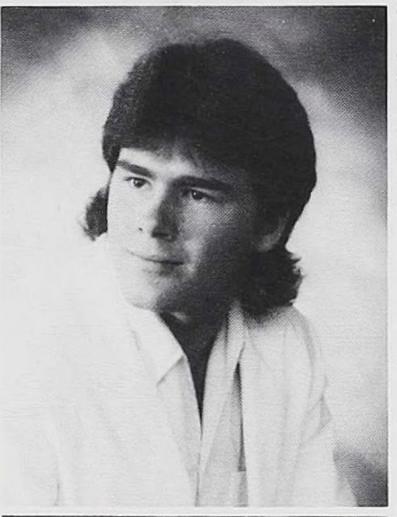
Steven Scott Hansen
French Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor
Society — 3, 4; Spanish Club —
2; Quiz Bowl — 2, 3, 4

Karen Sue Hahn

Jeffery Michael Harbart Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir — 2; Football — 2; Golf — 3; Honor Society — 3, 4; Ski Club — 4; Swimming — 4; Tennis — 4; Wrestling — 2

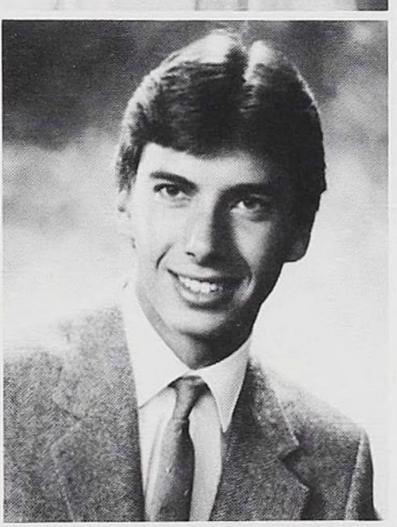
Kimberly Lee Hartz Cheerleader - 1, 2; Pep Club -1, 2; Spanish Club — 1, 2; SADD

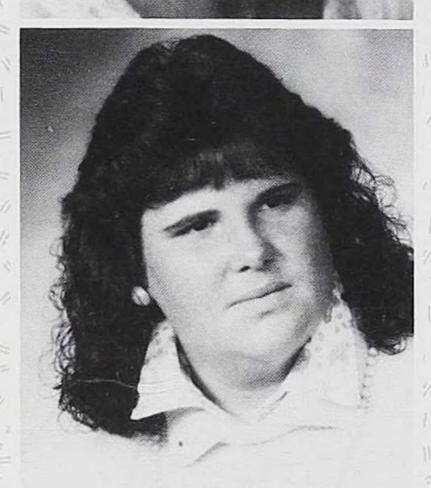
Steve Ramon Holt



Karen Lynn Horvath Art Club — 3, 4; FCA — 1, 2, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council — 1, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball — 1, 2,

Phillip Scott Horvath Band - 1, 2, 3; Honor Society - 3, 4; Student Council — 1, 2; Tennis — 1; Track — 3





Jennifer Lynne Housknecht Art Club - 2, 3, 4; French Club — 1, 2; Honor Society — 3, 4

Donna Lee Hull Art Club — 1, 2; Band — 1; Girls' Service Club — 1; Spanish Club - 1, 2



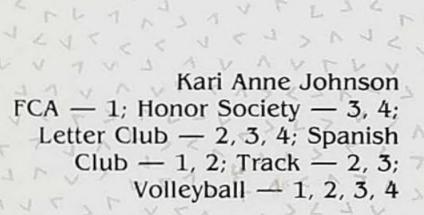


Christopher Craig Hyer

Douglas Paul Hynek Swimming — 1, 2, 3, 4



Janis Elaine John



Carey Lynn Johnson

Art Club — 1, 3, 4; Basketball —

1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4;

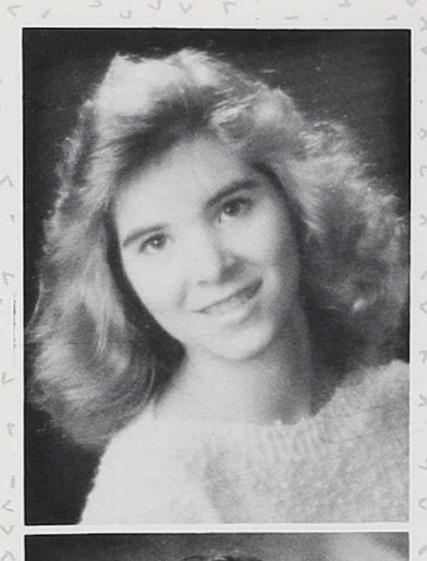
Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; Spanish

Club — 1, 2; Track — 1, 2, 3;

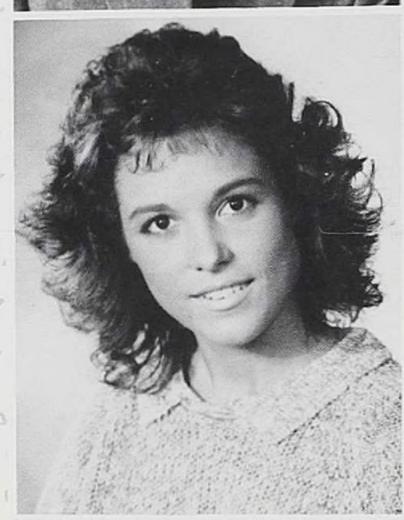
Volleyball — 1, 2, 3, 4

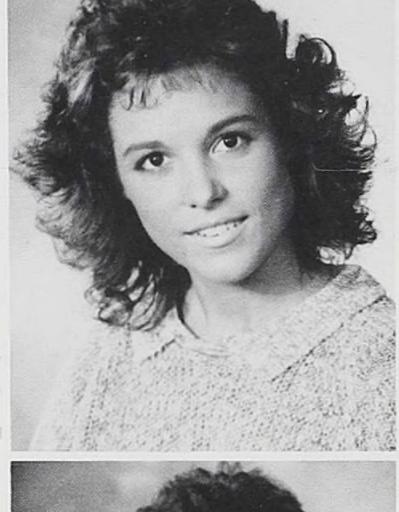
Patricia Ann Jurkowski

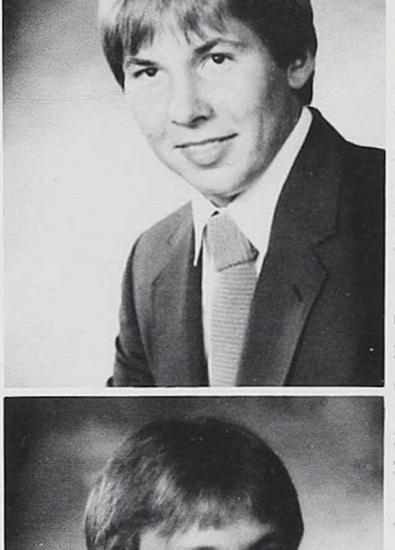
Choir - 1, 2, 3, 4



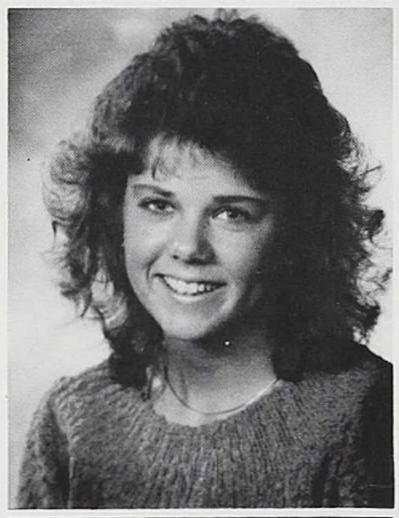
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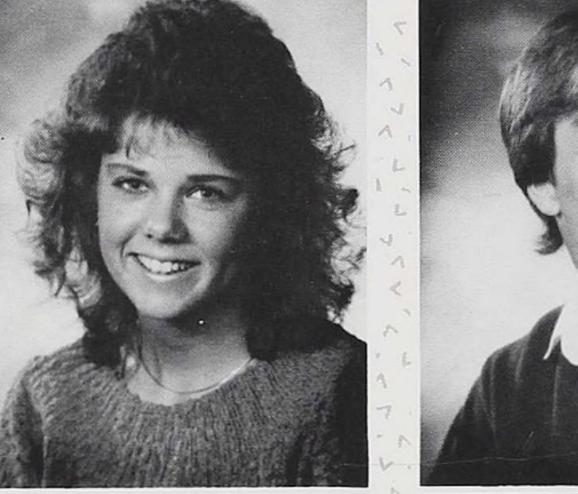


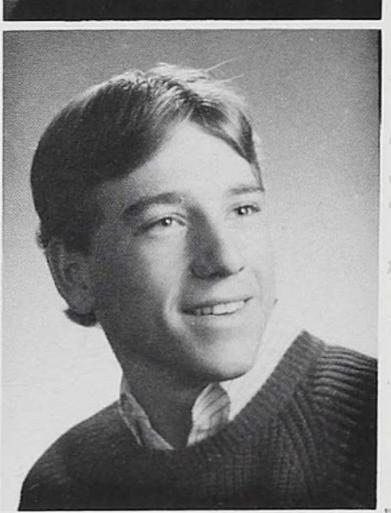




Payge Jay Jonas Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling







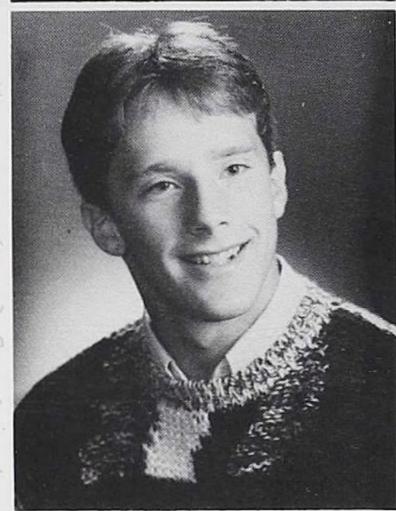
Timothy Joseph Kazmierzak



Joseph Daniel Keller

Lori Anne Kelley

Douglas Lee Klute Baseball -1, 2; Football -1, 2, 3, 4; Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club — 2



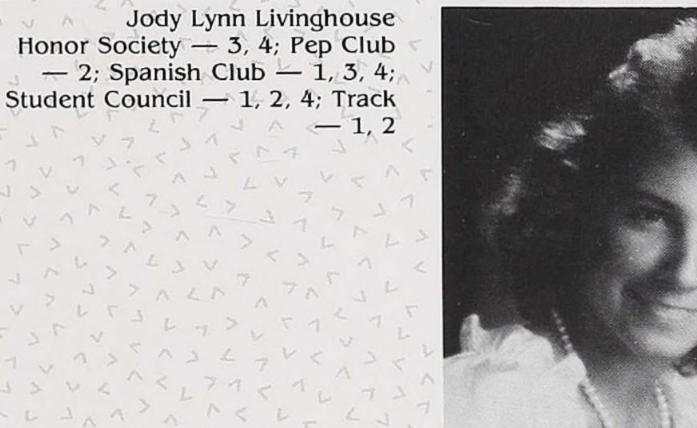
Eugene Bruce Klute II Baseball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Basketball - 2, 3, 4

Christine Marie Koselke Cougar Chronicle — 4; Honor Society -3, 4; Letter Club -3; Pom Pons — 2, 3; Spanish Club -1, 2, 3; Student Council -1, 2, 3; Track — 1; Volleyball — 1, 2, 3; Yearbook — 4

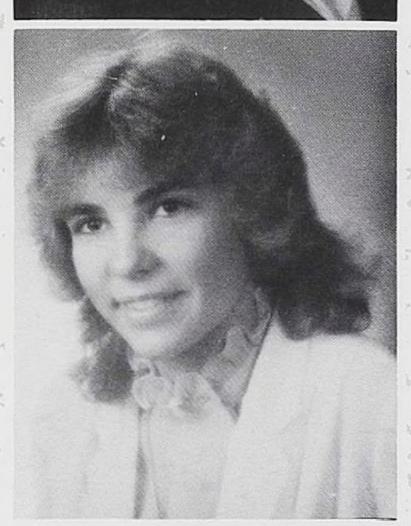




Stefanie Michele Lenig Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir — 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf — 1, 2, 3; Honor Society — 3, 4; Tennis — 1

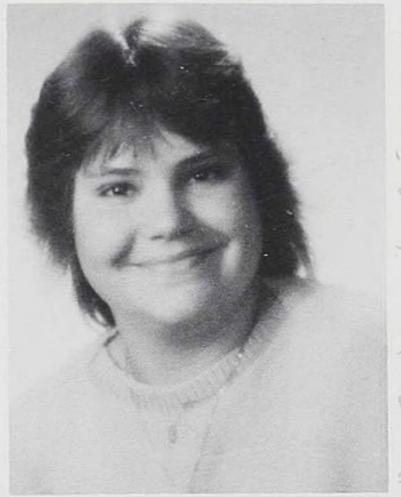






Julie Kaye Livinghouse Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming - 2

Wanda Marie Livinghouse Art Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 3, 4; Swimming — 1, 2, 3, 4



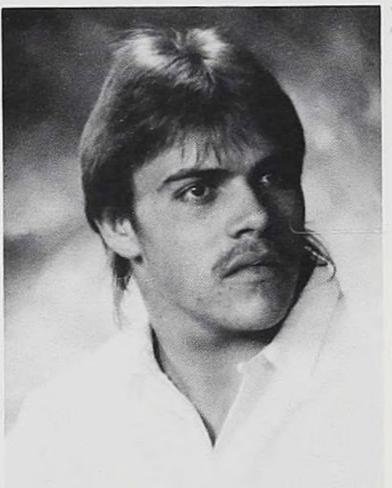
Thomas Bert Lode

Band — 1; Football — 2, 3;

Letter Club — 3, 4; Spanish Club

— 1, 2; Swimming — 3, 4

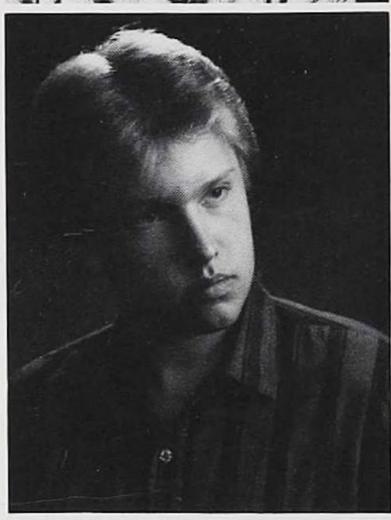
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Nancy Suzanne Makowski

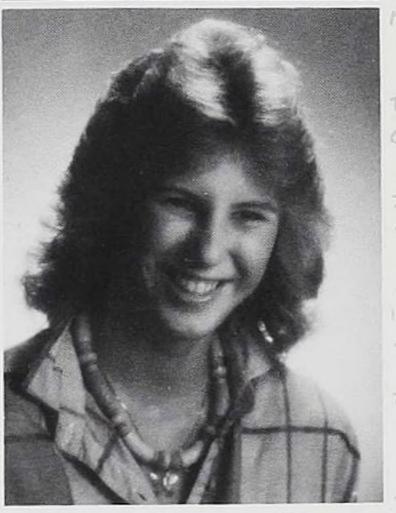
Sandra Lee Marron





Donald Louis Martin, Jr.

Debra Daray McAtee
Letter Club — 1, 2; Ski Club —
4; Spanish Club — 1, 2; Track
— 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball — 1, 2,
3, 4





Christine Marie McClaran

Lisa Ann McCoy Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pit Orchestra 3, 4

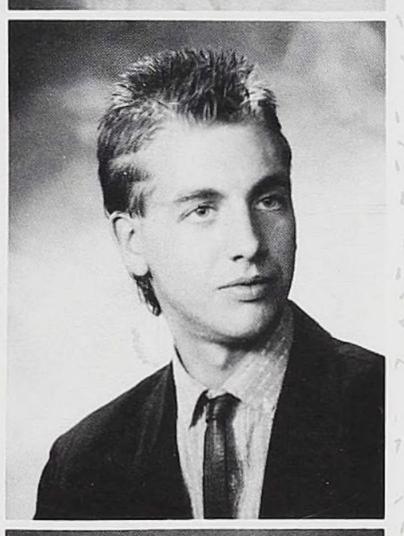
John Jay McVay Band — 1; Ski Club — 4

Tammy Lynn Michie



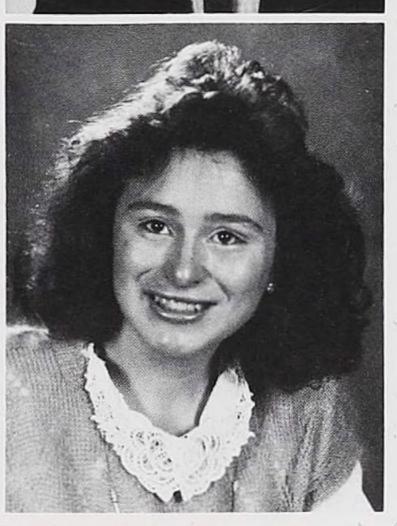
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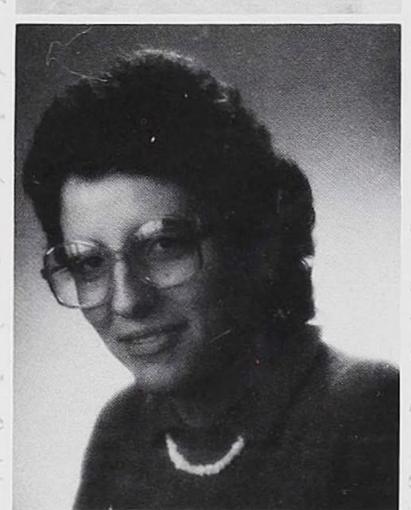
John Gregory Mitchell Art Club — 2, 3, 4; Track — 3



Jennifer Sue Murnane
Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Service
Club — 1; Honor Society — 4;
Spanish Club — 1, 2

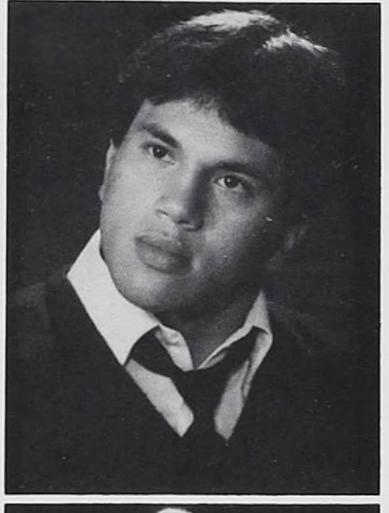
Bethany Lynn Newsom FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; OEA — 4





Amy Ann Newton
Art Club —4; Girls' Service Club
— 1, 2, 3

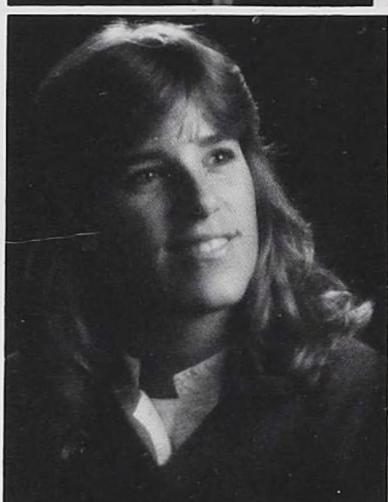
Stacey Robert Overmyer Baseball — 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Letter Club — 3; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Ski Club — 4



Ryan Joseph Pesce Cheerleading -2; FCA -1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society - 3, 4; Letter Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2; Student Council — 2; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4

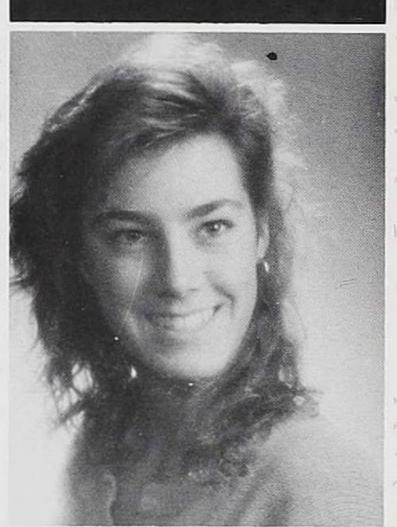
Dawn Marie Pike 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Service Club — 3





Cindy Lou Plank Art Club - 1, 2; Cougar Chronicle — 4; FCA — 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pom Pons — 4; Ski Club — 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council — 4; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook — 3, 4; Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4

Wendy Ann Plank Art Club -1, 2; Honor Society - 3, 4; Letter Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 2; Ski Club — 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council - 4; Track -1, 3; Yearbook — 3; Cross Country - 1, 2, 3, 4

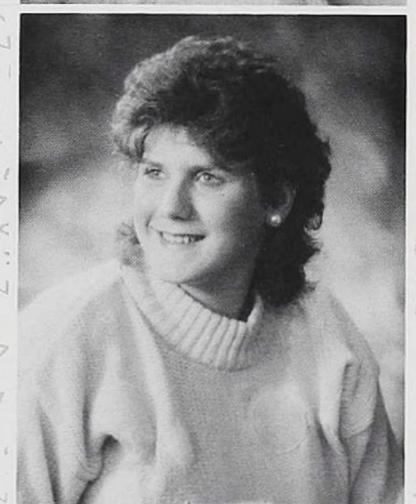




Teresa Lynn Reed Choir - 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club - 1, 2, 3

Shari Ann Relford Art Club - 3, 4; Cougar Chronicle — 4; Girls' Service Club — 2, 3; Honor Society — 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2





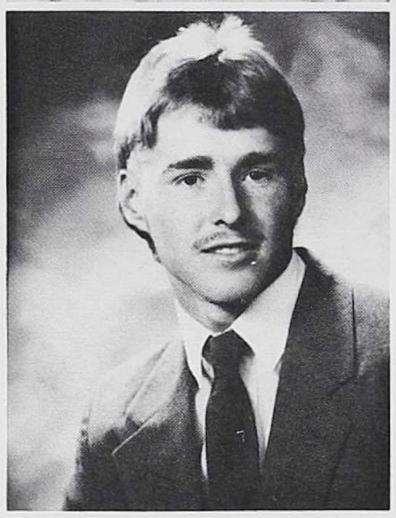
Christi Lyn Richmond Band — 1, 2; Choir — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club - 1; Spanish Club -1, 2; Tennis — 1

Nicole Rene Ringle Honor Society — 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3



Robert Lawrence Risner FCA — 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country — 1

Richard Scott Robinson Baseball — 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA — 3, 4; Letter Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club - 1, 2; Tennis -2, 3, 4; Cross Country - 1; Basketball - 1, 2

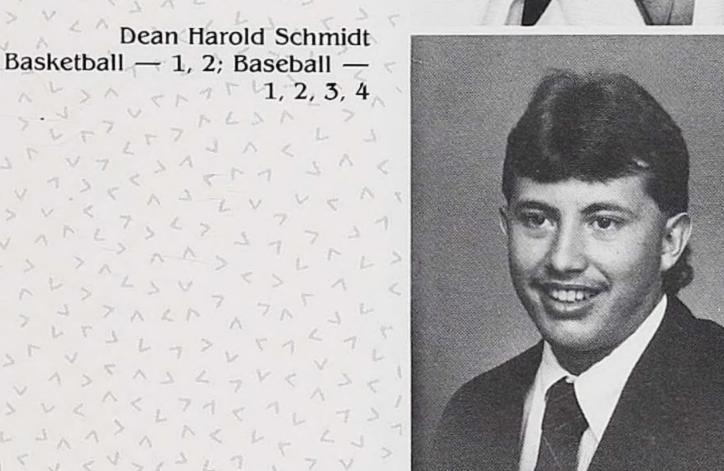


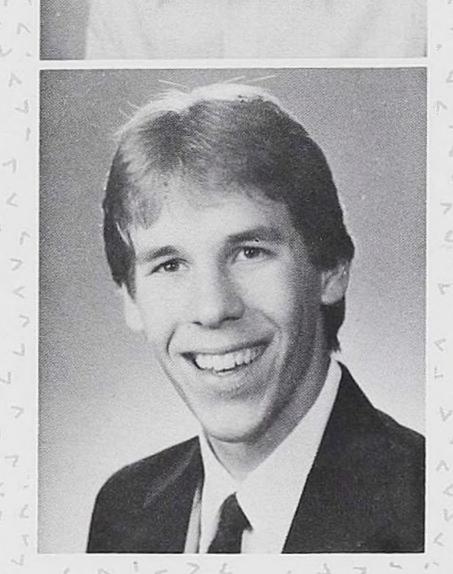
Kim Michele Rood FCA - 1; Pom Pons -2; Spanish Club — 3; Student Council -1; Tennis -1

Julia Ann Rutt



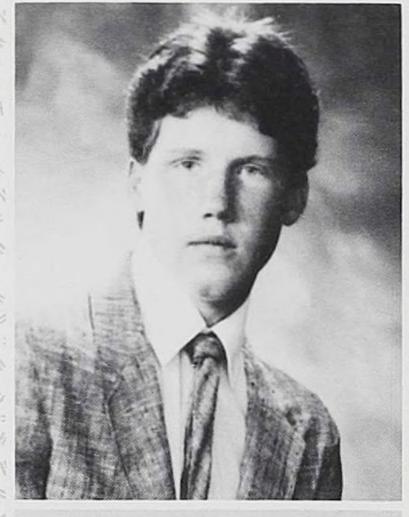
Bryan Keith Sanders





Stephen Mark Schroeder Baseball — 1, 2; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis — 4

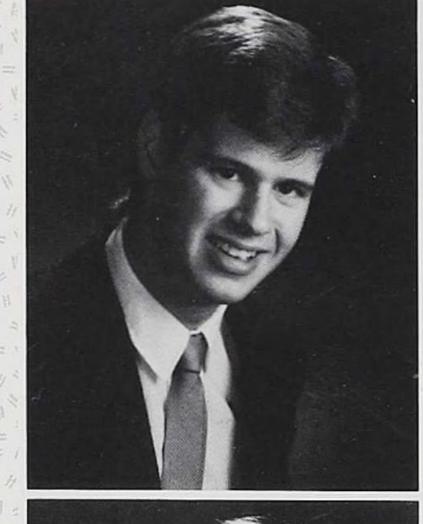
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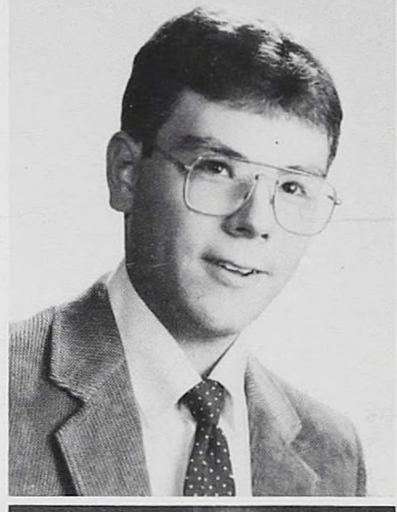
Scott Mathew Spear Golf -1; Basketball -1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club - 3; Tennis -

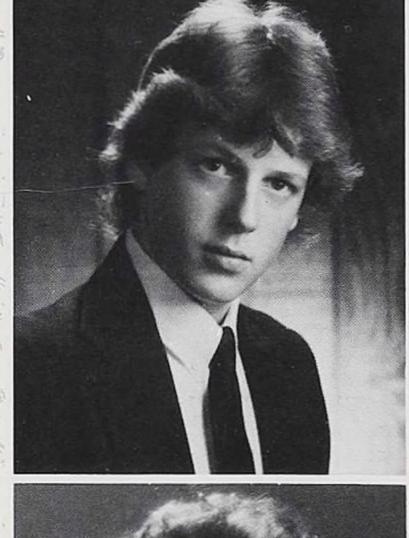
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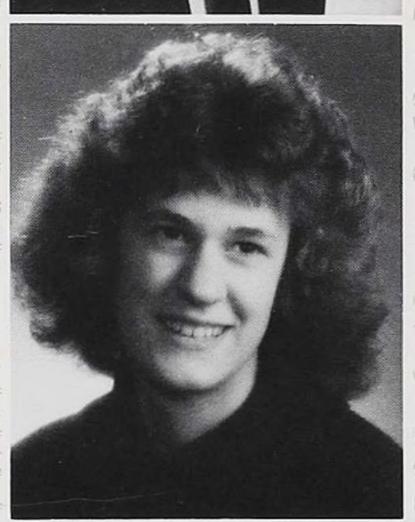
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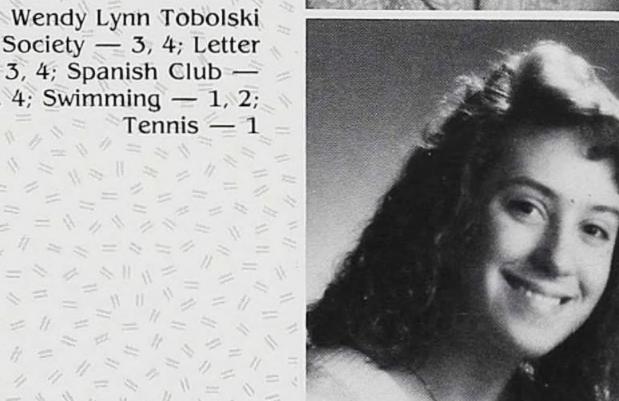


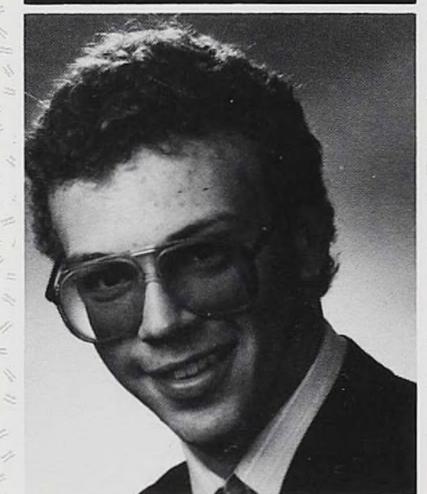
Lisa Marie Taddeucci Honor Society — 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3; Quiz Bowl — 4





Michael Alan Trim OEA -3, 4; AV -3, 4



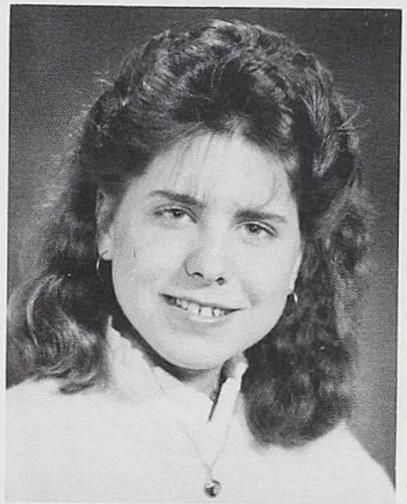


Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming — 1, 2; Tennis — 1

Lisa Marie Trojanowski Art Club — 4; Cheerleading — 3; Letter Club — 1; Pep Club — 3; Spanish Club — 2; Swimming — 1; Track — 2

Rachael Marie Tukos
Cheerleading — 2, 3; FCA — 3,
4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter
Club — 2, 3, 4; Cross Country
— 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3;
Spanish Club — 1, 2, 3; Track
— 1

Areta Mae Turk Art Club — 4



Michael Joseph Tuszynski
Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society
— 3, 4; Cross Country — 4; Jazz
Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band —
2, 3; Student Council — 1, 2, 3,
4

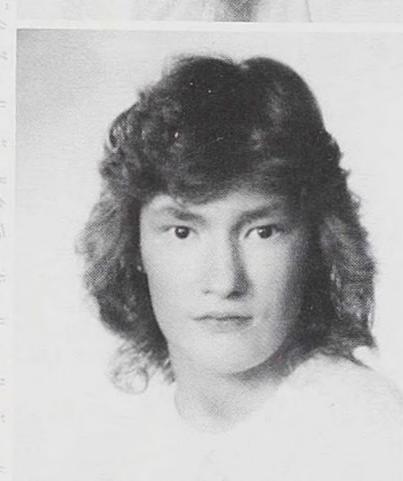
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Angela Diane Wallen Spanish Club — 1, 3, 4

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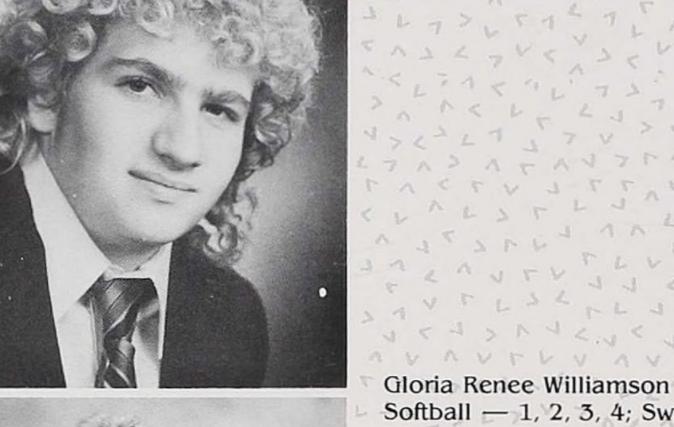


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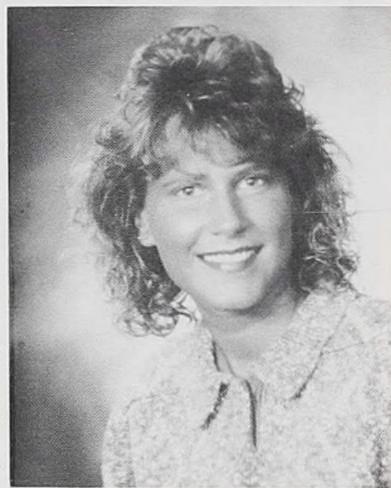
Thomas William Washburn Baseball — 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA — 1, 2; Football - 2, 3, 4; Honor Society — 3, 4; Letter Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Ski Club — 4; Spanish Club -1, 2; Basketball -1, 2,







Suzanne Marie Wheatbrook

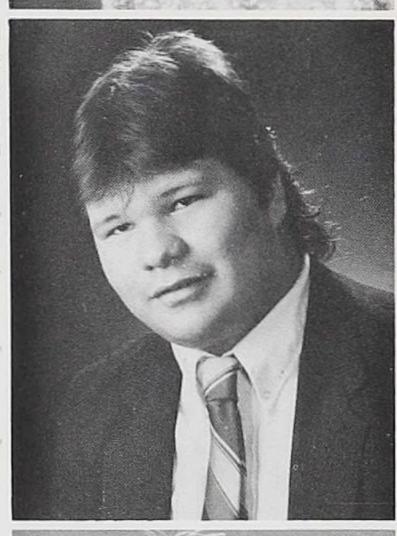


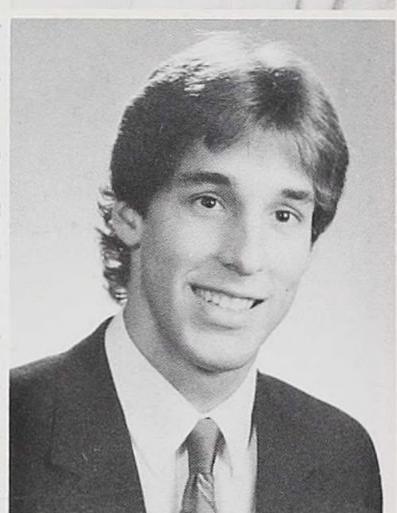


Softball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming

Kevin Vance Welton

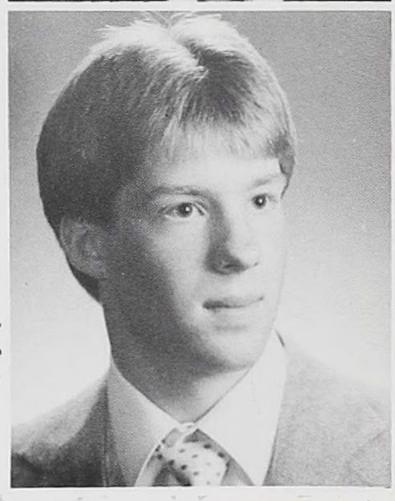
Stacy Earl Wind Band -1; Baseball -1; Football — 1, 2, 3, 4





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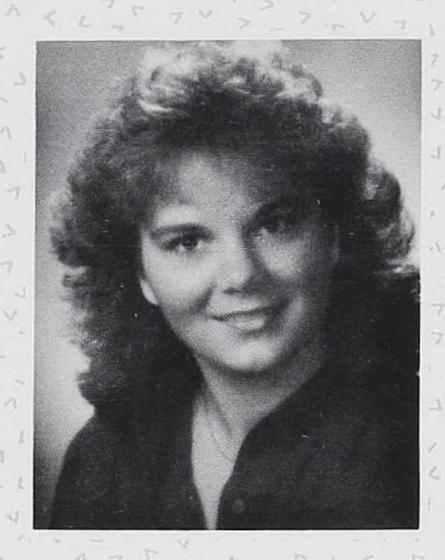
Kyle Eugene Young Letter Club — 2, 3, 4; Swimming — 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis — 1, 2; Track — 3, 4; Cross Country —

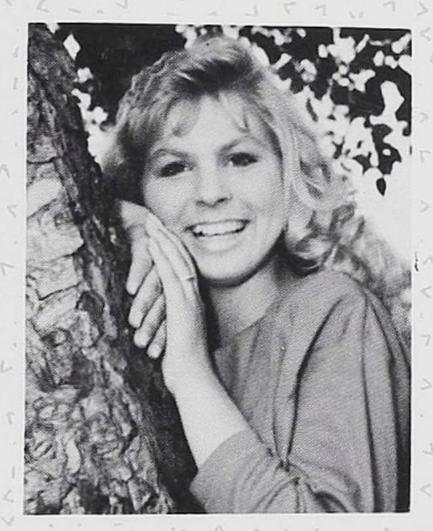




Jill Adrienne Yuhouse Band -1, 2; Cheerleading -1; FCA — 2; Pep Band — 2; Spanish Club — 2

Janel Marie Zakrzewski
Choir — 1; Cougar Chronicle —
4; Honor Society — 3, 4; OEA —
2; Pep Club — 1, 2; Spanish
Club — 1, 2, 3, 4





Angela Rae Zarembka
Cheerleader — 1, 2, 3; Honor
Society — 3, 4; OEA — 4; Pep
Club — 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club —
1; Track — 1, 2; Yearbook — 1,
2

Camera Shy Seniors

Steven Michael Albin
Bradley Alan Arndt
Steven Raymond Burnett
Mark Phillip Canon
Patricia Moreira de Carvalho
Robert H. Casper
Richard William Christenson
Tamara Kay Dies
Joann Gabryszak
Eric Lloyd Goodman
Ralph Romain Henry

Kevin Lee Kessler
Richard LeRoy Lewis
Ronald James Lovejoy
Jonathon James Mack
Mark Ray Martin
Benjamin Alan Milcarek
Christopher Lynn Mroczkiewicz
Dean Franklin Newland
Michael Anthony Nowaczewski
Christine Pytel
Kristin Lynn Ralston

Ana Cecilia Sanchez
Rachelle Lila Schneider
Eric Paul Sebasty
Lori Anne Stayback
Lynn Sue Tarnow
Jonathon G. Taylor
Adrian Hans Wiedmer
Michelle Lynn Williams
Andrew LaVerne Zarobinski

Top Ten Seniors

Karen Horvath
Jody Livinghouse
Elizabeth Adams
Wendy Plank
Wanda Livinghouse
Tabb Gesse
Lisa Taddeucci
Phil Horvath
Jennifer Houseknecht
Brian Witkowski

Senior Awards 1987-88

Co-Valedictorian — Jody Livinghouse, Karen Horvath Salutatorian — Elizabeth Adams Academic Honors — Wendy Plank, Wanda Livinghouse, Tabb Gesse, Lisa Taddeucci, Philip Horvath, Jennifer Houseknecht, Brian Witkowski LaPorte Herald Argus Honor Students — Elizabeth Adams, Russell Allegrette, Sarah Buehrer, Steven Chance, Danielle Coffman, Kathleen Coffeen, Clint Crump, Tabb Gesse, Julie Golden, Karen Horvath, Philip Horvath, Jennifer Houseknecht, Carey Johnston, Christine Koselke, Jody Livinghouse, Julie Livinghouse, Wanda Livinghouse, Cindy Plank, Wendy Plank, Shari Relford, Lisa Taddeucci, Wendy Tobolski, Michael Trim, Angela Wallen, Brian Witkowski, Janel Zakrzewski Rolling Prairie P.T.O Scholarship — Steve Schroeder American Legion Auxiliary — Scott Spear American Legion Citizenship Award - Julie Livinghouse, Brian Witkowski Scholar Athlete Award — Karen Horvath, Brian Witkowski Student Senate Award — President Cindy Plank, Vice-President Karen Horvath, Secretary Debbie McAtee, Treasurer Wendy Plank, Student Senate — Mike Tuszynski, Jody Livinghouse National Honor Society Scholarship - Karen Horvath Quiz Bowl Award - Captain Steve Hansen, Members - Kevin Kessler, Rich Lewis, Lisa Taddeuci Spelling Bee Recipients — Karen Horvath, Jeff Harbart, Wendy Plank D.A.R. Award — Cindy Plank Boy's State Delegates - Lyle Benson, Tabb Gesse, Steven Hansen, Jeff Harbart Girl's State Delegates - Karen Horvath, Carey Johnston, Jody Livinghouse Football Homecoming Queen — Wendy Plank Snowflake Ball King — Michael Tuszynski Prom Queen — Kari Johnson Prom King — Doug Hynek Pom Pon Girls — Cindy Plank Instrumental Music Awards — John Phillip Sousa Award — Jennifer Murnane, Mental Attitude Award — Sarah Buehrer Vocal Music Awards — Arion Award — Stefanie Lenig, Mental Attitude

Computer Programming — Kathleen Coffeen, Jennifer Houseknecht

Science — Wendy Plank Spanish — Jody Livinghouse Journalism — Virginia Casper Most Valuable Staffer Award/Newspaper - Lynn Tarnow Editor Awards — Virginia Casper, Danielle Coffman, Lynn Tarnow Distinguished Service Award — Journalism — Angie Connors, Lisa McCoy, Janel Zakrzewski Star Chapter Farmer Award — Dan DeMeyer Dekalb Award — Clint Crump F.F.A. Scholarship Award — Wanda Livinghouse Perfect Attendance - Four years - Leon Stanish Three years -Joann Gabryszak One year - Steven Hansen, Jennifer Houseknecht, Lisa Tabbeucci Scholarships, Grants, and Awards V.F.W. Voice of Democracy Award — 1st — Traci Bolinger, 2nd — Theresa Cowgill, 3rd — Janel Zakrzewski, 4th — Beth Newsom, 5th Angie Connors Girls Service Club Scholarship — Charlotte Elkins Josten's Scholarship Award — Karen Horvath Stickler Award — Karen Horvath Valparaiso University Presidential Scholarship — Jennifer Houseknecht Ball State Scholarship — Elizabeth Adams Hudson Lake P.T.O Scholarship — Elizabeth Adams Manchester Scholarship Award — Julie Livinghouse Kalamazoo College Scholarship — Brian Witkowski Galena P.T.O. — Carey Johnston, Jennifer Murnane DePauw University Merit Scholarship - Karen Horvath Hoosier Scholar — Karen Horvath, Jody Livinghouse National Merit Scholarship — Karen Horvath National Elks Association Scholarship — Karen Horvath Century Three Leaders Certificate of Recognition — Karen Horvath I.B.C.A. Honor Award — Russell Allegrette State Finalist in Welding — Leon Stanish Valparaiso University Academic Award — Jeff Harbart Purdue University Certificate of Recognition Award — Tabb Gesse, Carey Johnston, Jody Livinghouse, Wendy Plank, Lisa Taddeucci Hill and Dale of New Carlisle Scholarships — Karen Horvath, Stefanie Lenig, Elizabeth Adams Colorado Mountain College Top 10 Academic Award - Wanda Livinghouse * Illinois State University Music Performance Award — Lisa McCoy

Western Michigan Athletic Full Tuition Scholarship — Ryan Pesce

Hanover College Admissions Scholarship — Virginia Casper

Award — Shellie Williams

English — Janel Zakrzewski

Industrial Arts — Payge Jonas

Department Awards

Art — Sarah Buehreer

Math — Lisa Taddeucci

Remember When . . .

Tom Lode, Ben Milcarek, and Mark Martin got detention for putting Bridgette VanSchoyck in the drinking fountain?

Dean Schmidt and Dan Demyer got swirlies from the senior guys our freshmen year?

Theresa Cowgill went home during first hour to brush her teeth?

Rachael Tukos was left in Michigan City after basketball sectionals because her friends thought she was riding with someone else?

Karen Horvath belched during a Physics test?

Mike Tuszynski wanted to be a gynecologist?

Scott Spear threw his chemistry book down the hall the last day of school and it hit Mr. Mathews?

Rob Risner would watch chickens to learn how to strut?

Mr. Woolsey caught the trash can on fire in chemistry class?

Mike Tuszynski and Stacey Wind killed Frick and Frack and Mr. Mathews blamed Jody and Julie Livinghouse?

The cross country team tipped over the joy-john while Ryan Pesce was still inside?

Chris Koselke beat-up Doug Klute during a football game?

Chemistry classes made smores with the bunsen burner and baked biscuits in the incubator?

Anyone last used their New Prairie High School parking pass for the student parking lot?

Russ Allegrete broke his arm dunking a basketball?

Mr. Mathews asked Rusty if he thought he'd ever have to go to an obstrecian and he replied, ''No, my eyesight is fine.''?

Kyle Young and Clint Crump had "afro's" our freshmen year?

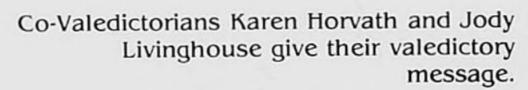
Rick Christenson got caught mooning the whole 6th grade gym class?

The whole school got out after first hour because we didn't have any water?

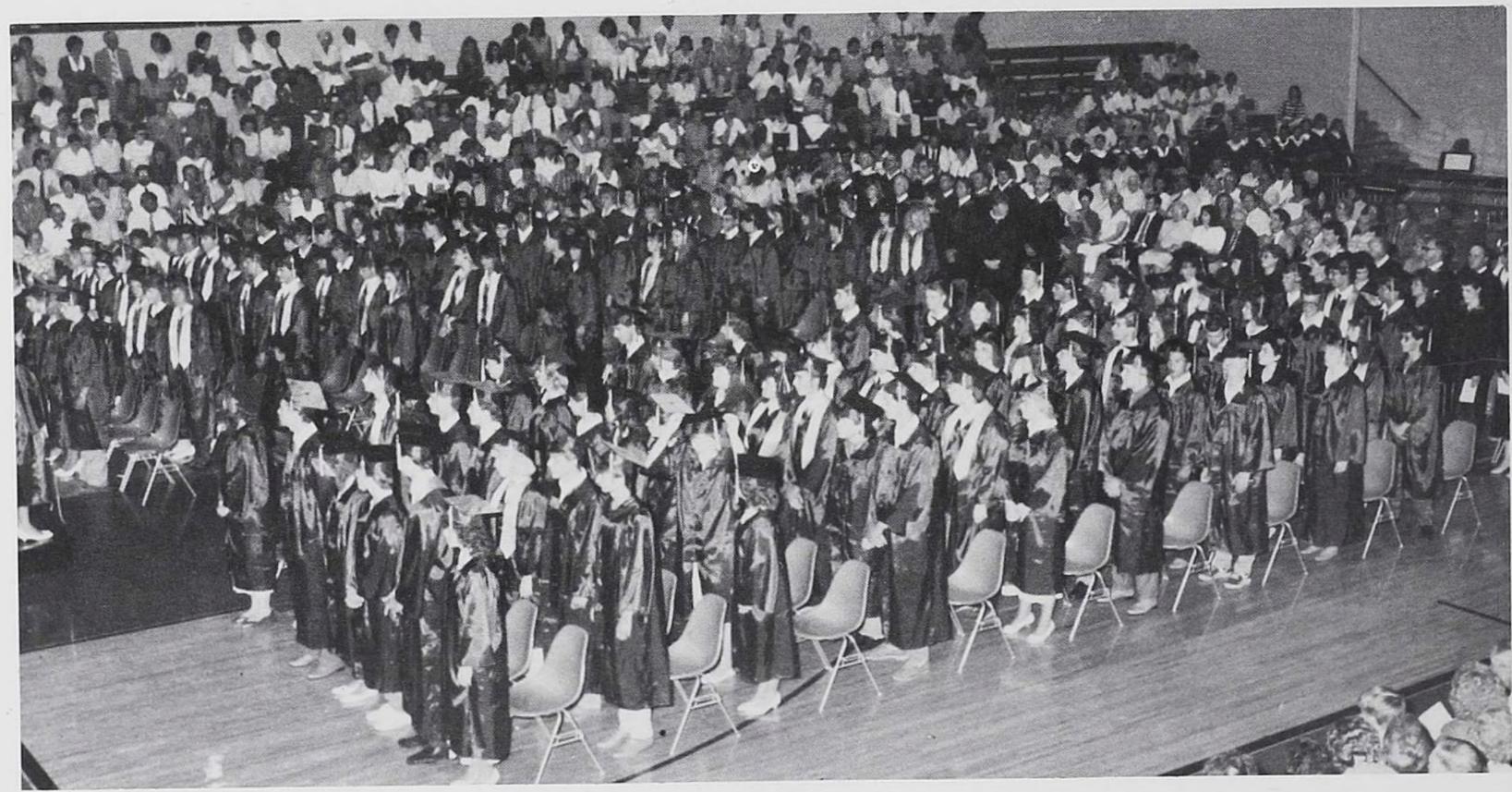
It was easy to skip school?

Graduation

The twentieth annual baccalaureate and commencement took place on Sunday, May 29, 1988 at two o'clock in the afternoon in the N.P.H.S. gymnasium. The weather to say the least was hot and sticky but graduates, parents, family, and friends made it through. After the National Anthem was played graduates marched in to the processional "Pomp and Circumstance". Co-Valedictorians Karen Horvath and Jody Livinghouse spoke on the importance of togetherness in life. The presentation of diplomas went by smoothly and all to soon it was time to end the ceremony. After Cindy Plank motioned for the moving of the tassles, she gave her farewell to N.P.H.S. speaking on the sadness and joy of leaving the school that we had grown to love.



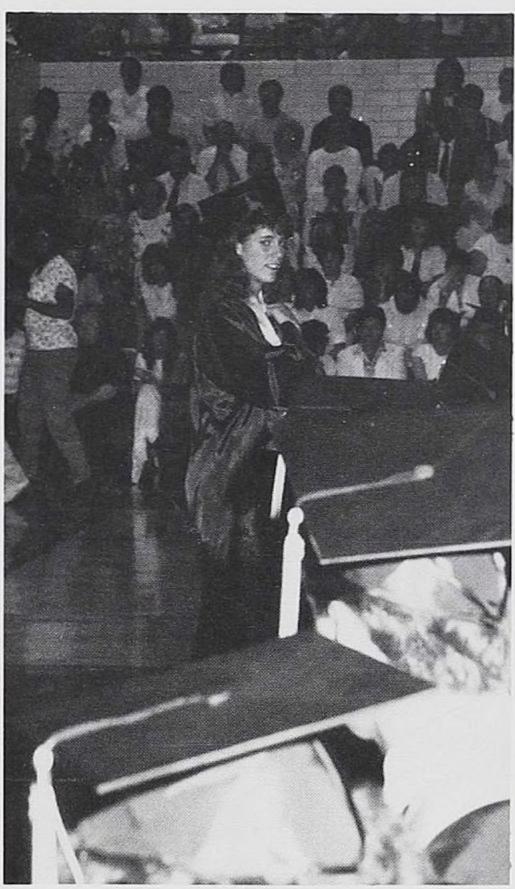






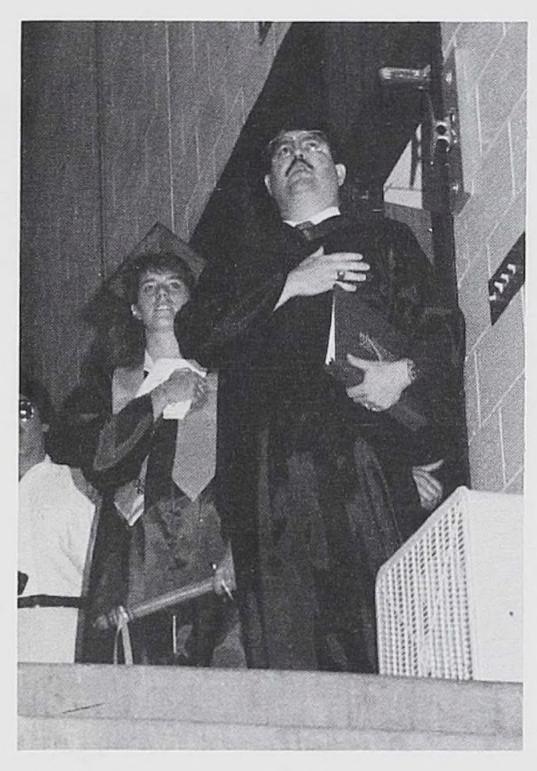
Paula Brown recieves her diploma and a handshake from school board president Carl Meyers.

Class president Cindy Plank prepares to motion for the moving of the tassles.





School board and faculty members congratulate the Class of 1988.



Cindy and Mr. Harbart sing to "The Star Spangled Banner."

Underclassmen



Band students toot on their horns during fourth hour band class.

Sophomores Steve Kelley, Jeff Parsons and Rich Goraczewski dress for "Blues Brothers" day during basketball homecoming spirit week.

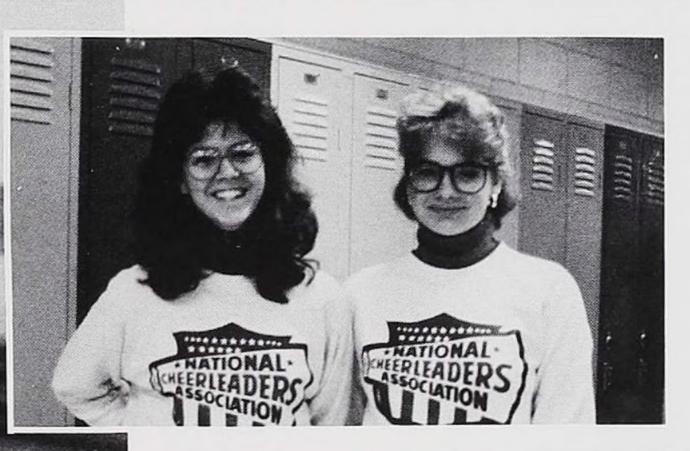


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Jeff Stayback and Scott Hooper ask about putting a personal ad in the newspaper.





After lunch students gather in the hallway to chat and relax.

Sophomores Annette Albin and Shani Whitteberry look remarkably similar on twin day.

JUNIORS

The class of 1989 was a busy bunch this year. They dazzled the seniors by hosting "On the Edge of a Dream." Mr. Rokosz kept the juniors busy with plenty of homework and the dreaded research paper. "I finally learned how to conjugate verbs even though I was sleeping everyday!", said illustrious student Matt Martin. Who knows, maybe while sleeping on top of his conjugating worksheets osmosis was occuring!

It seems like just yesterday they entered as freshmen and as the end of the year grew closer, they prepared to take over the big job of being seniors.

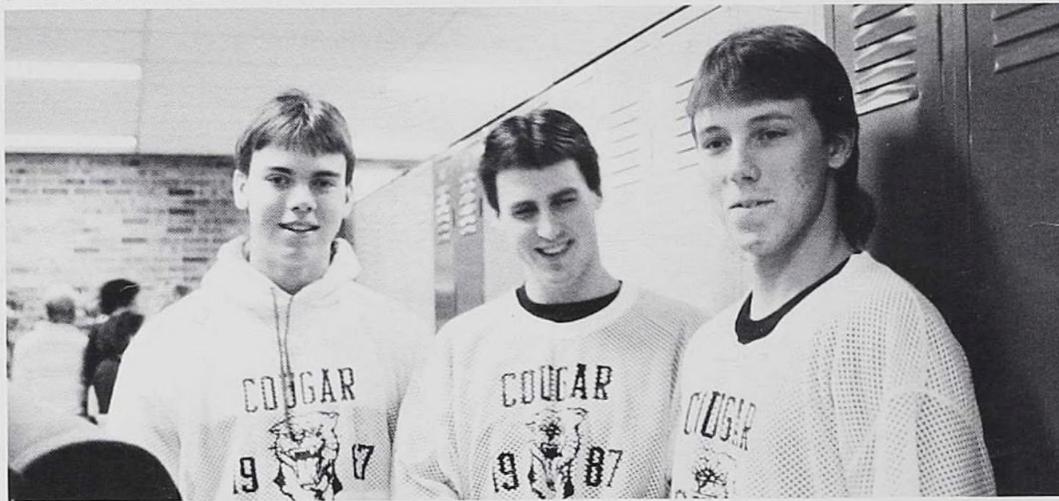
President Jason Schroeder, vice president Kim Lapczynski, treasurer Dave Kirkham, secretary Stacey Siford, student council Fred Noens, student council Bridgette Van Schoyck



While rummaging thru some of the Drama Club's costumes, junior Chance Boniface happened to find this sweet little bonnet and thought it matched his shirt perfectly!

Juniors Fred Noens, Jason Lenig, and Jim Lestinsky decided to dress as triplet "studs" on twin day during spirit week.

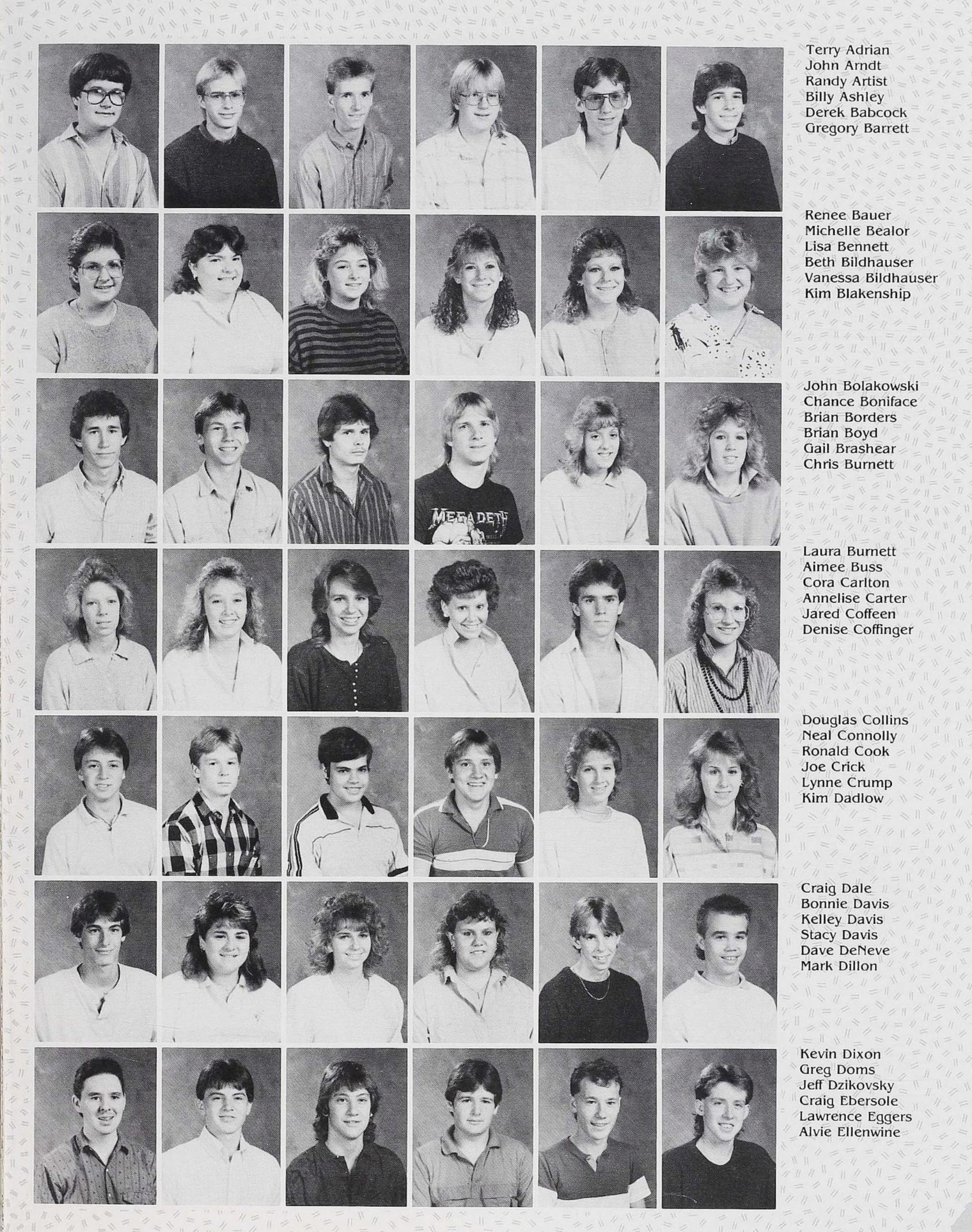






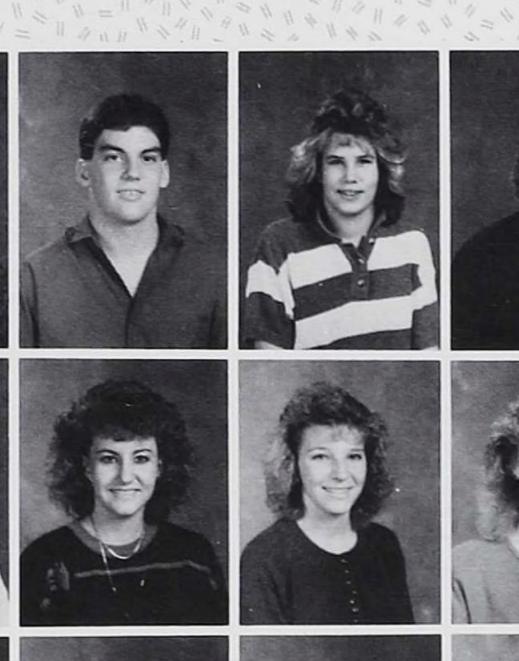
Anyone for a game of tennis? Junior Jon Schroeder plays a set with some of his teammates during practice.

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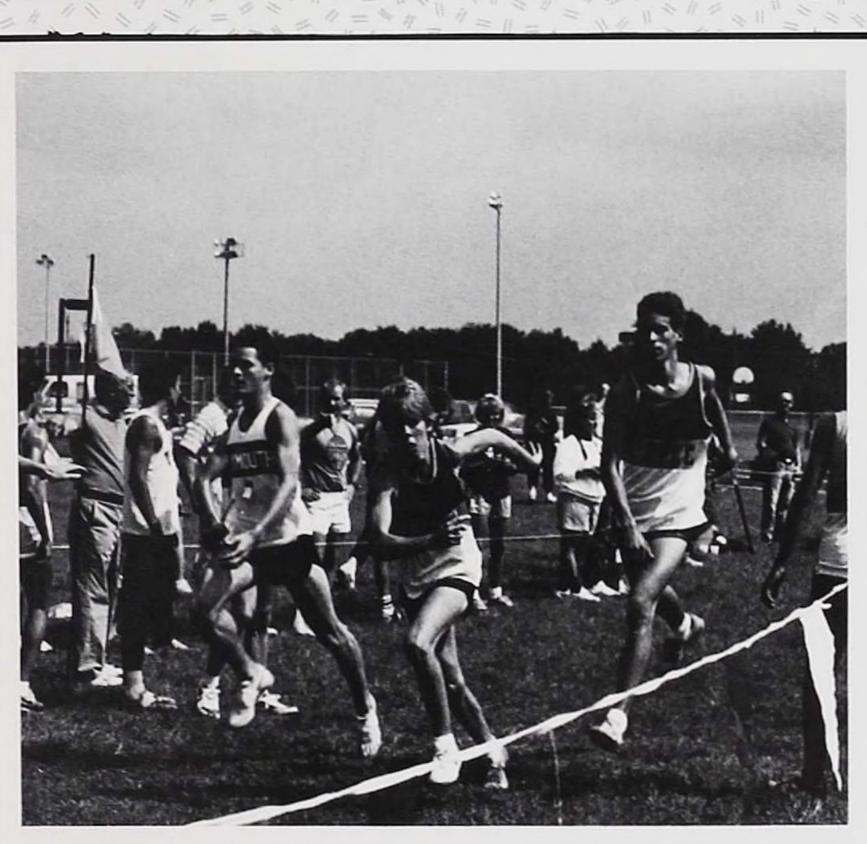




Mark Kreske Jackie Krueger Candy Krzyzak Kimberly Lapczynski Michelle Lapczynski Teresa Larrew



Brent Loucks John Livelsberger



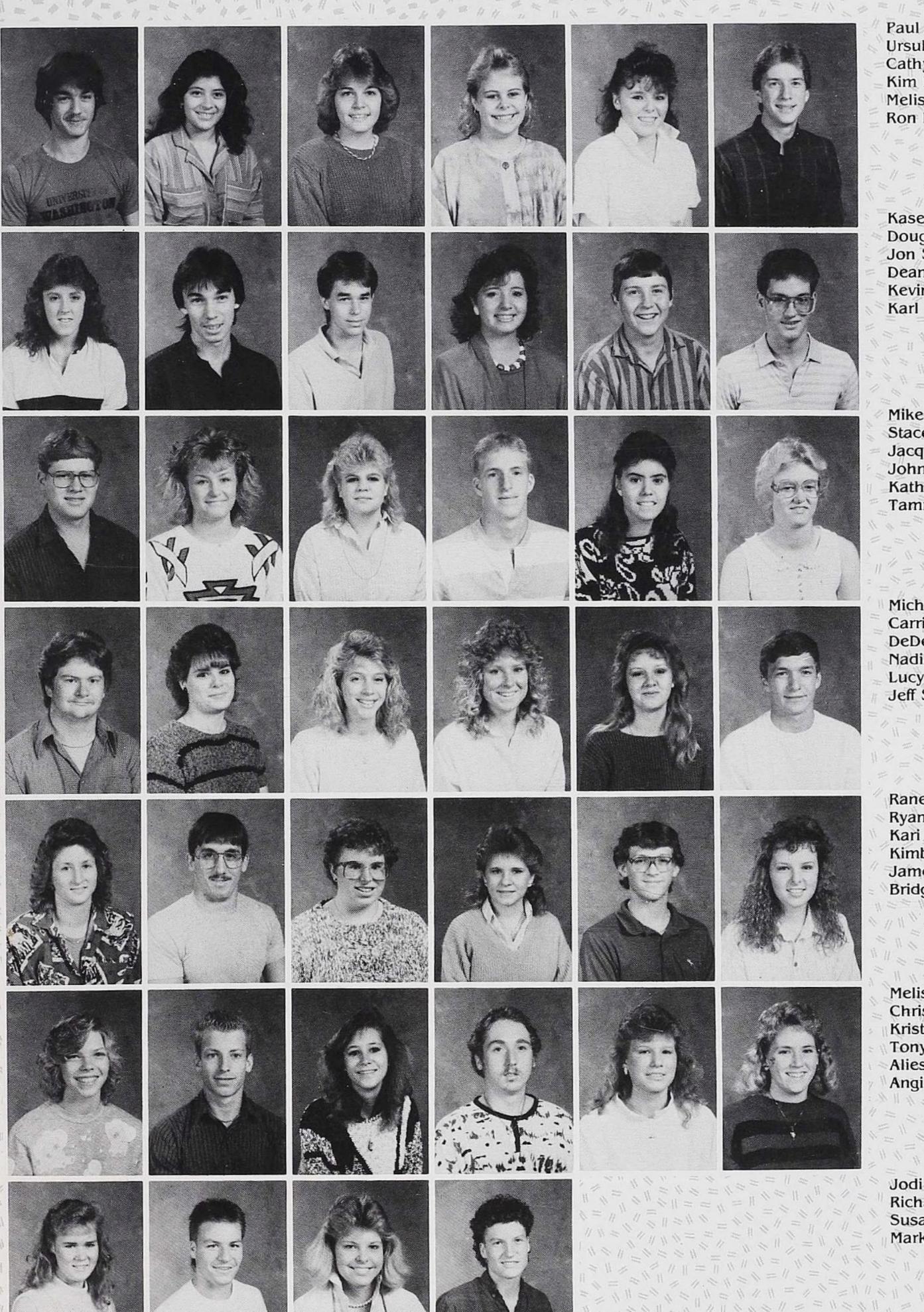


Junior Dave DeNeve had an excellent cross country season. Dave finished ninth in the state cross country meet, and he placed 19th in the Kinney National meet, that was held in San Diego. To qualify, he placed seventh in the regional meet covering Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, and twelve other

states.

Dave started running when he was a freshman. His first interest in the sport began when he saw Carol Grey, New Prairie's long distance running star, win the state meet in 1985. Dave plans to run in college, however, he does not have any long term goals set at this point.

Christy Marcum John Marron Matthew Martin James Martinez Tom Martz Annette Mayfield Debbie Mayle Mike McCormick Dawn McCullough Angela McGowan Valerie McGuire Cathy McKinley Jeff Melady Mary Michalski Kenny Miller Shannan Miller Tracy Mireles Barbara Morrow Larry Mrozinski Erin Murphy Andy Myer Laurie Nelson April Nickerson Tammy Nickerson Sheila Nixon Fred Noens Bonnie Noftsger Cathy Norris Chris Norris Daren Nowak Derek Oshinski Carol Overmyer Daniel Page Denise Parker Jim Patterson Bob Paul Brian Paul Tina Paul Bill Perz Tom Pietrzak Michelle Popard Teri Przeradzki



Paul Qualls Ursula Ramirez Cathy Raven Kim Robinson Melissa Ryans Ron Rybicki

Kasey Sabinas Doug Saylor Jon Schroeder Deann Scott Kevin Sebasty Karl Seering

Mike Serry Stacey Siford Jacqueline Smith John Smith Kathy Smith Tammi Smith

Michael Snider Carrie Snyder DeDe Spear Nadine Spriggs Lucy Stacy Jeff Stayback

Ranell Strauch Ryan Strauch Kari Stutzman Kimberly Taylor James Toth Bridgette VanSchoyck

Melissa Walma Chris Ward Kristin Ward Tony West Alieshia Wheatbrook Angie Yackus

Jodi Young Richard Young Susan Zarembka Mark Zollman



The sophomore class came back to school this year filled with energy and spirit. Whether they were selling magazines for the annual sale or cheering on the Cougars at football and basketball games, they gave it their all.

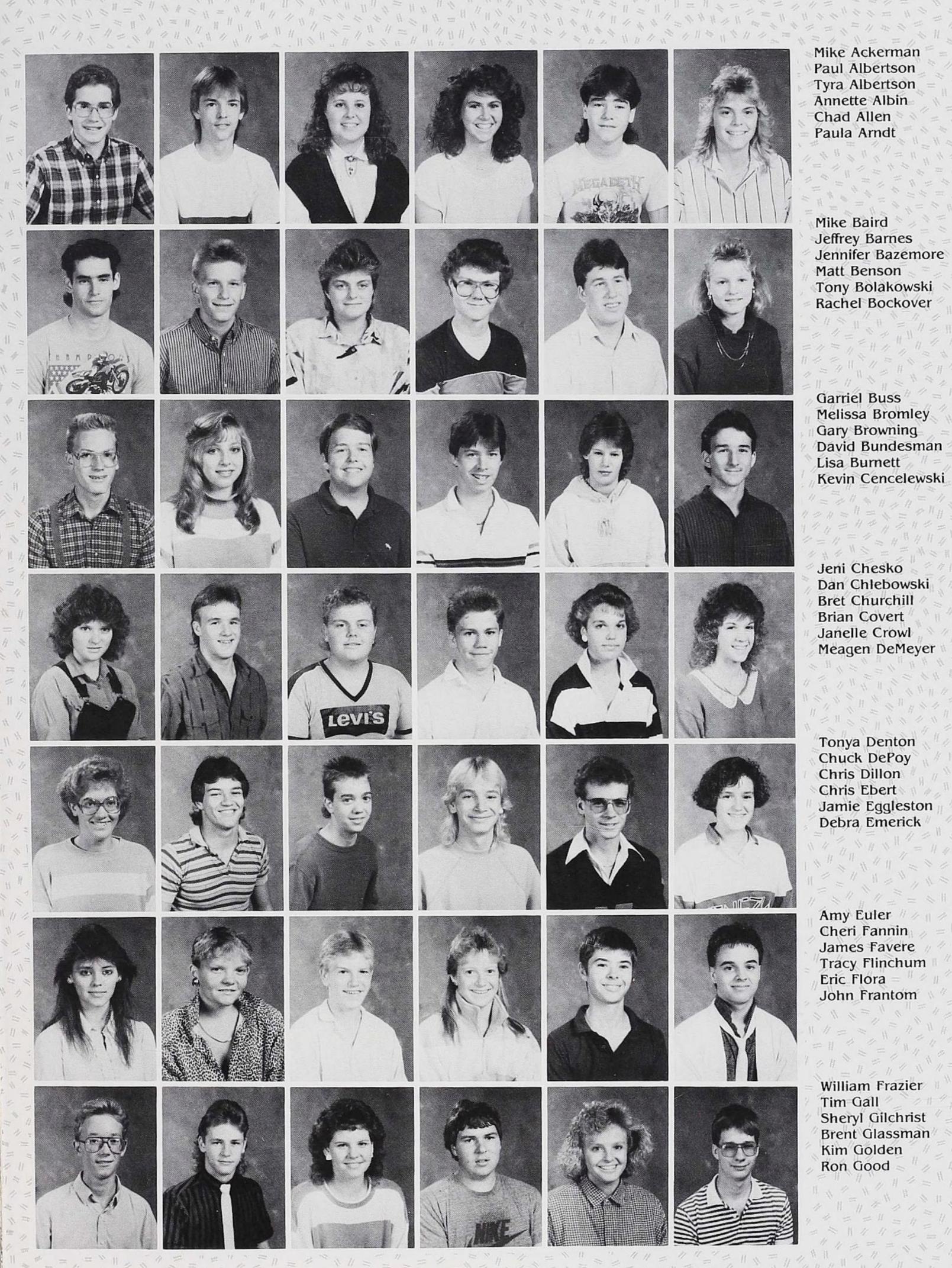
Many of the upperclassmen that drove to school became apprehensive at the thought of the sophomores behind the wheel of a car, as the majority of them got their licenses this year. Fortunately, for all of us, they turned out to be fairly safe drivers.





Stacie Tolmen, John Hooper, Mike Robinson, Amy Harness, and Kim Golden gather around the sophomore stud wall.

Natasha Rose and Teresa Taddeucci show off their sophomore spirit by dressing as twins for the spirit day during basketball homecoming week.



Rich Goraczewski Debbie Grott Mary Grott Amy Harness George Hayes Brad Hillman Janis Hoffman Tammie Holcomb Alex Holliday Amber Holt John Hooper Scott Hooper Joe Horvath Amie Hostetler Jeff Houseknecht Joe Howard Chris Humbarger Gwen Hunt FLORIDA Jim Jennings Lina Jozwiak Jenifer Keck Cathy Keller Steven Kelley Eric King Mindy King Dana Kopkowski Andrew Koselke Paul Kreamer Darrell Knowlton Mike Krivak Ryan Krycka Michelle Ladwig Donny Lau Lisa Lemley Matthew Leroy Jim Lewis Steven Lewis Randy Livinghouse Geoffrey Lucas Kevin Luhrsen Jason Magley Kris Mann

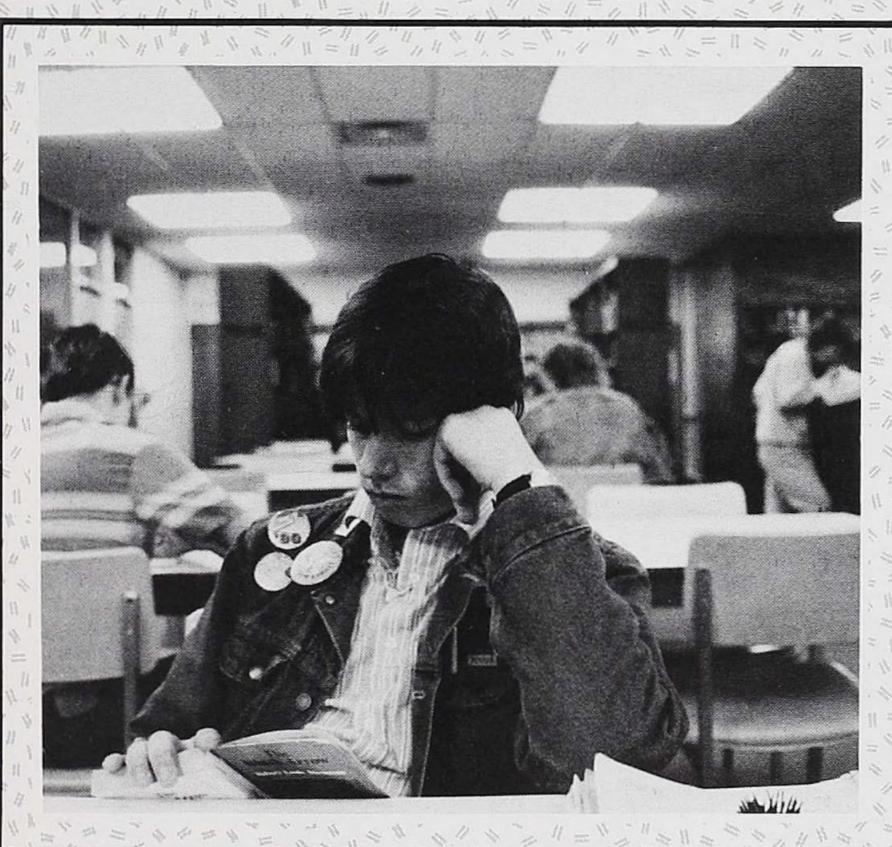


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Andy Miles Kelly Miller Bryan Moore Gina Morgan Lisa Murnane Melisa Napiwocki

Wendy Nelson Christine Newland Tina Norris Toby Orcutt Phillip Osborn Jimmy Panagopuolos

Jeff Parsons
Jenny Parsons
Carmen Payne
Sherri Perz
Coley Pesce
Chris Peterich



Body Language

Body Language is a language spoken without words. Gaps in spoken language can be filled using the language of gestures. Your body language says a lot about you before you say a word.

Around New Prairie, boredom seems to be a familiar feeling conveyed by body language. One effective form which teachers

despise is the yawn.

Someone sitting with his arms folded across his chest, legs crossed may give the impression that he is protecting himself. Sitting with an open relaxed body position gives people the impression that you are open to knowledge, which is what teachers like to see.

Brenda Peterson Chris Peterson Scot Peterson Earl Phillips Missy Pinkerton Shawn Prestin Tashawa Radtke Mike Robinson Carrie Rodgers Rhonda Rogowski Julie Rose Natasha Rose Ronald Rowe Ron Saikin William Salzer Rick Sarvis Jeremie Schroeder Robert Schroeder Carla Scott Angela Sebasty Chandra Seimetz Steve Senne Russell Shankland Candy Shepherd Bobbie Smith Cliff Smith Mike Smith Mike Snyder **Amy Spriggs** Steve Stacey et's Spirit Steve Stafford Mike Starr Matt Stock Bill Stockton Eldon Stouder **Greg Stratton** Kristi Streiter Damon Swope Teresa Taddeucci Chris Taylor Stacie Tolmen Louis Towle



James Trobaugh Tina Troganowski Sarah Tukos Donna VanDusen Joseph VanWanzeele Julie Versmesse

Lori Wallen Virgina Ward Jennifer Warner Shani Witteberry Pat Williams Tammy Williams

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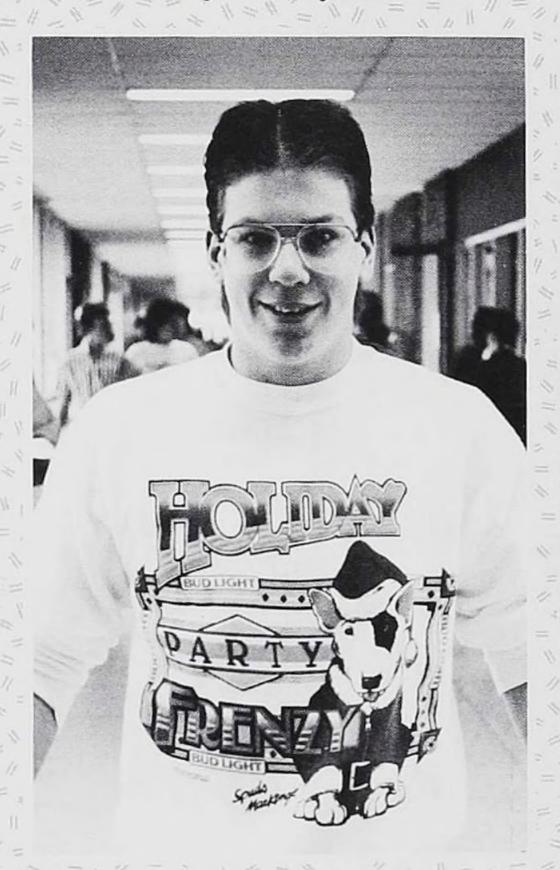
Spanish club members exhibit their work of "straw" art at Hacienda in Michigan City while patiently waiting for their food during the Spanish Club field trip.

FRESHMEN

Freshman. What can you say about them that hasn't already been said? They are usually (but not always) small, insecure, and LOUD! Another thing, why is it that freshmen know all of the upperclassmen and their life history yet none of the upper classmen know them?

We asked a select few to answer the question "What do you like-/dislike most about being a freshmen?" Eric Tobolski replied to this question by saying what a lot of freshmen and juniors probably felt. "I don't like ISTAP tests!" Quite thrown by the question Bill Kraus replied, "I'm glad I've got 3 years left." We're still trying to figure that one out.

The freshmen really haven't done much this year, just barely survived. Sad isn't it. But cheer up! There's always next year!

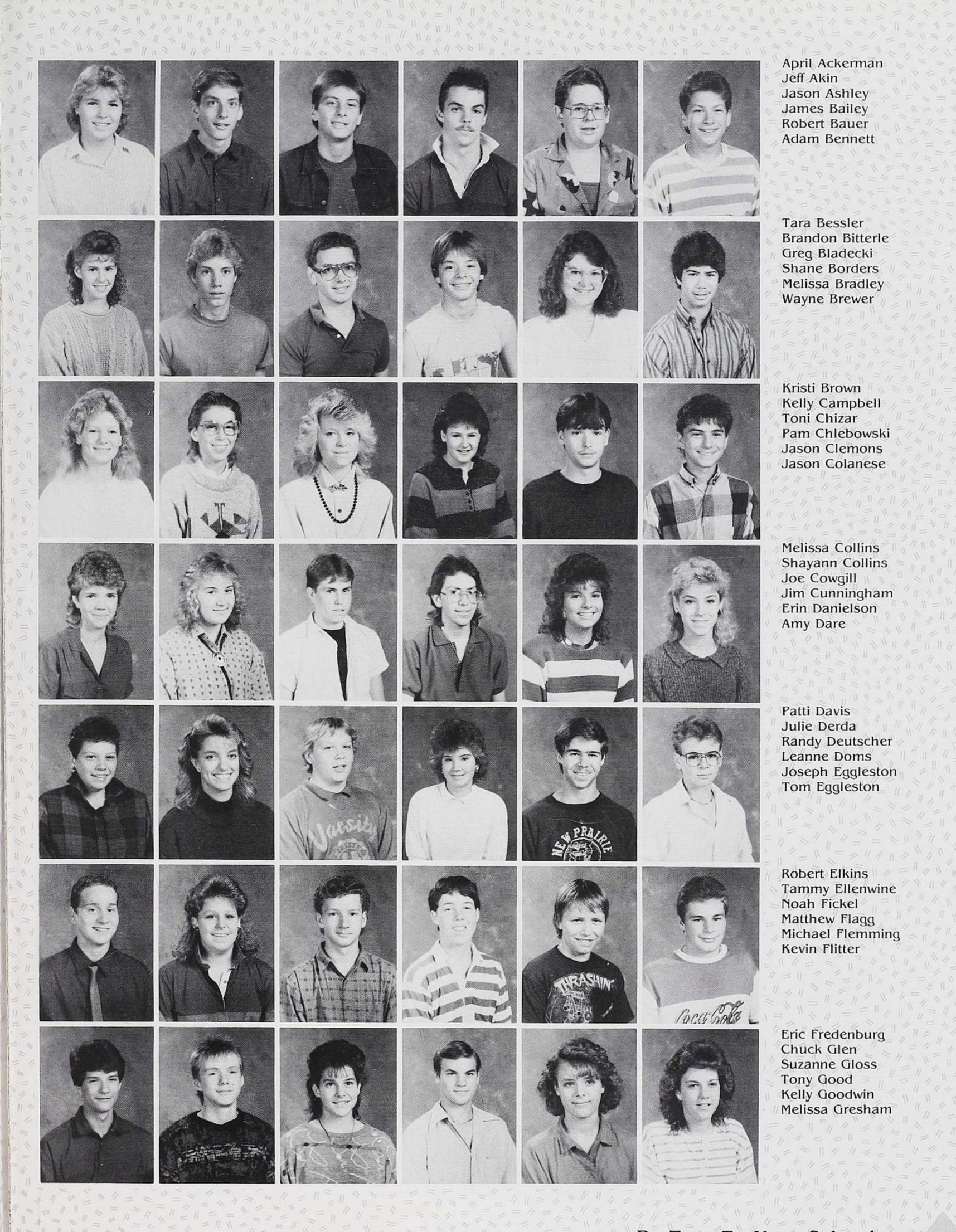






Dorothy and Mary Pointon show their freshmen class spirit by dressing alike for a class spirit day.

Freshman Mark Talerico makes a fashion statement by wearing a "Spuds MacKenzie" sweatshirt.



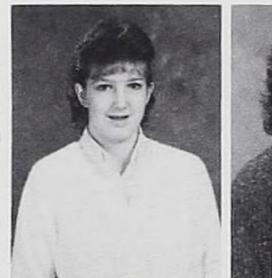
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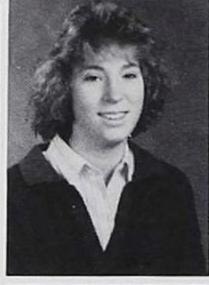


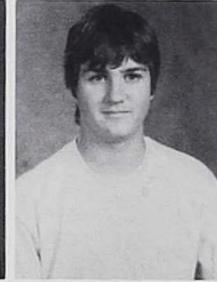
Glenn Kenfield



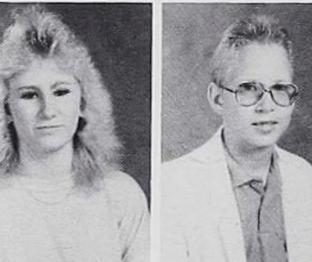






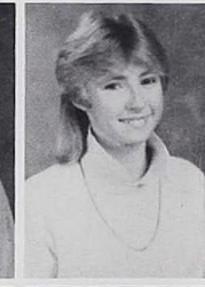


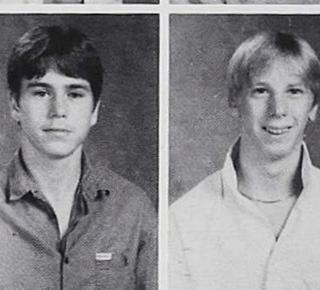


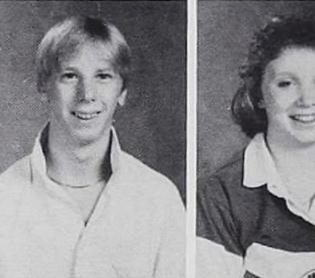


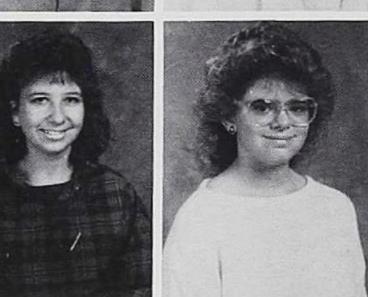


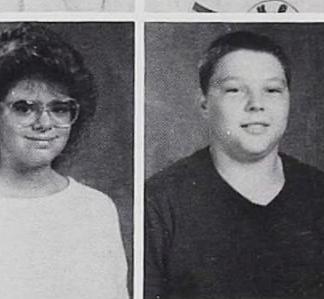


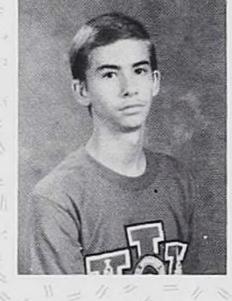


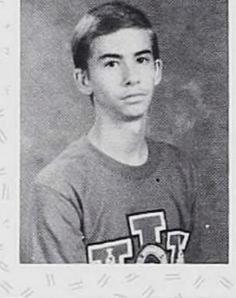


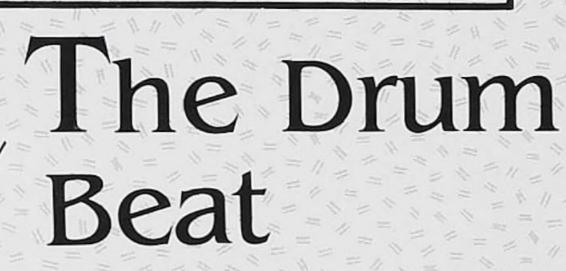






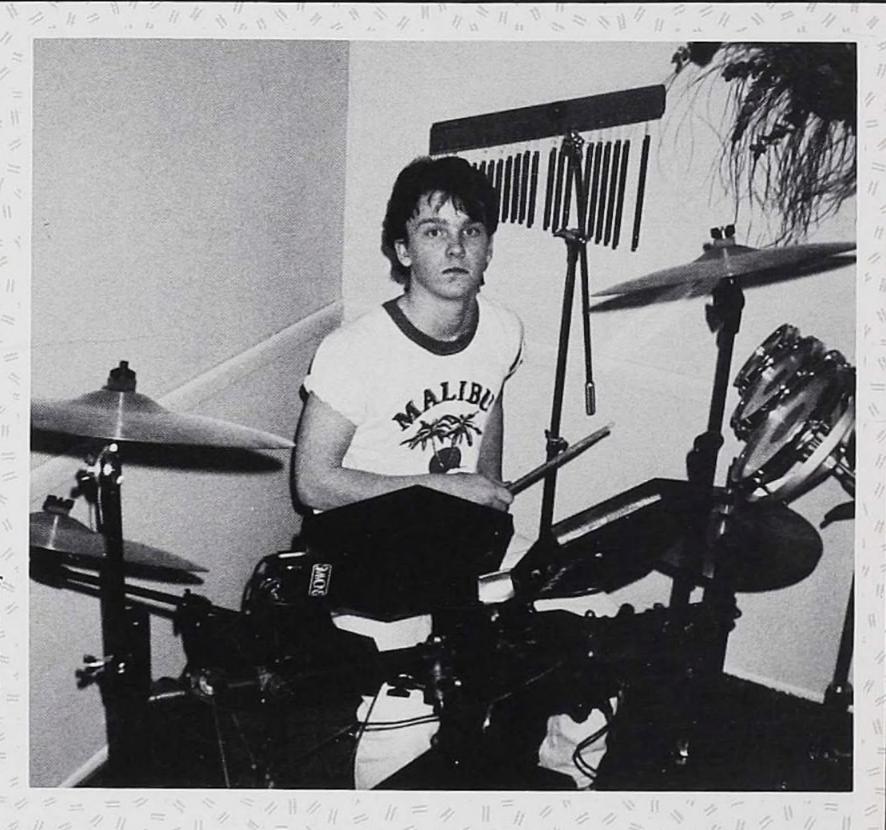


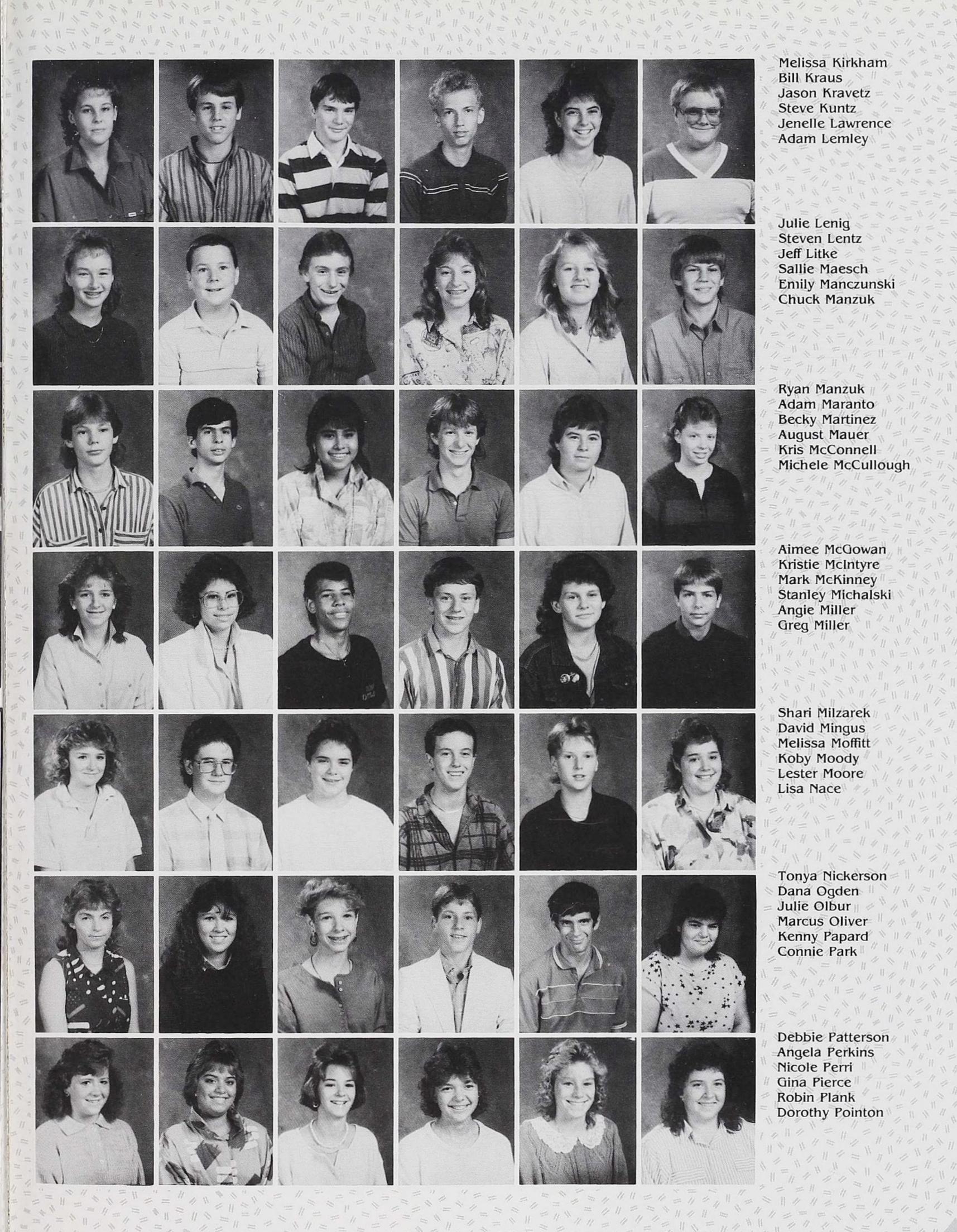




Nick Van Schoyk, has been involved in playing the drums for eight years. His dad, Frank Van Schoyk, influenced Nick to his success with the drums when he was young. Occasionally Nick

gets a chance to show off his ability to play by aiding his father's band, "Middle of the Road". Nick's future plans are to become a lawyer, but he will not put his drums on hold.





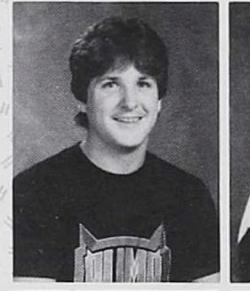
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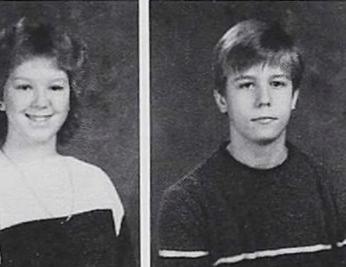


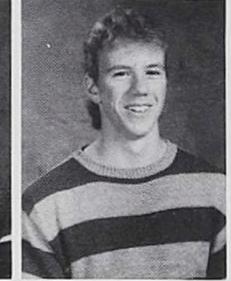


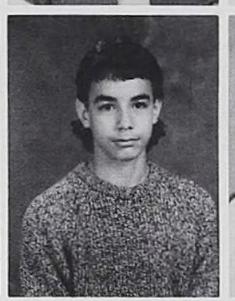


Erik Richardson Tamara Rink Chad Roach Charles Rogers Jason Rose Carrie Rutt



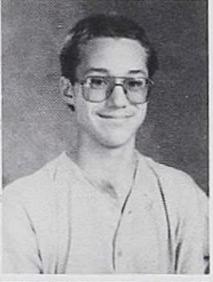






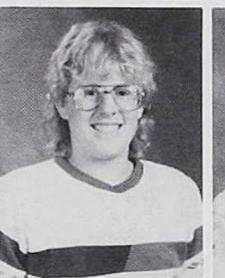


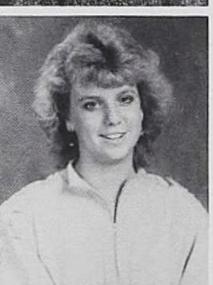
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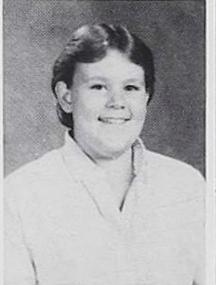


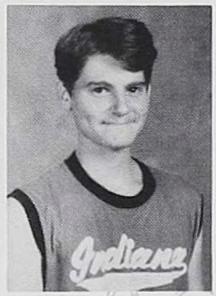


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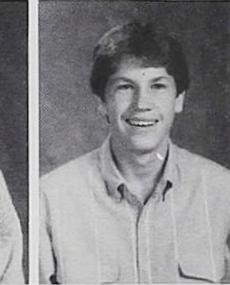




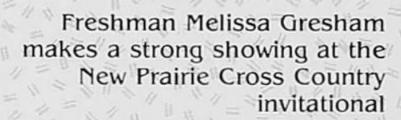






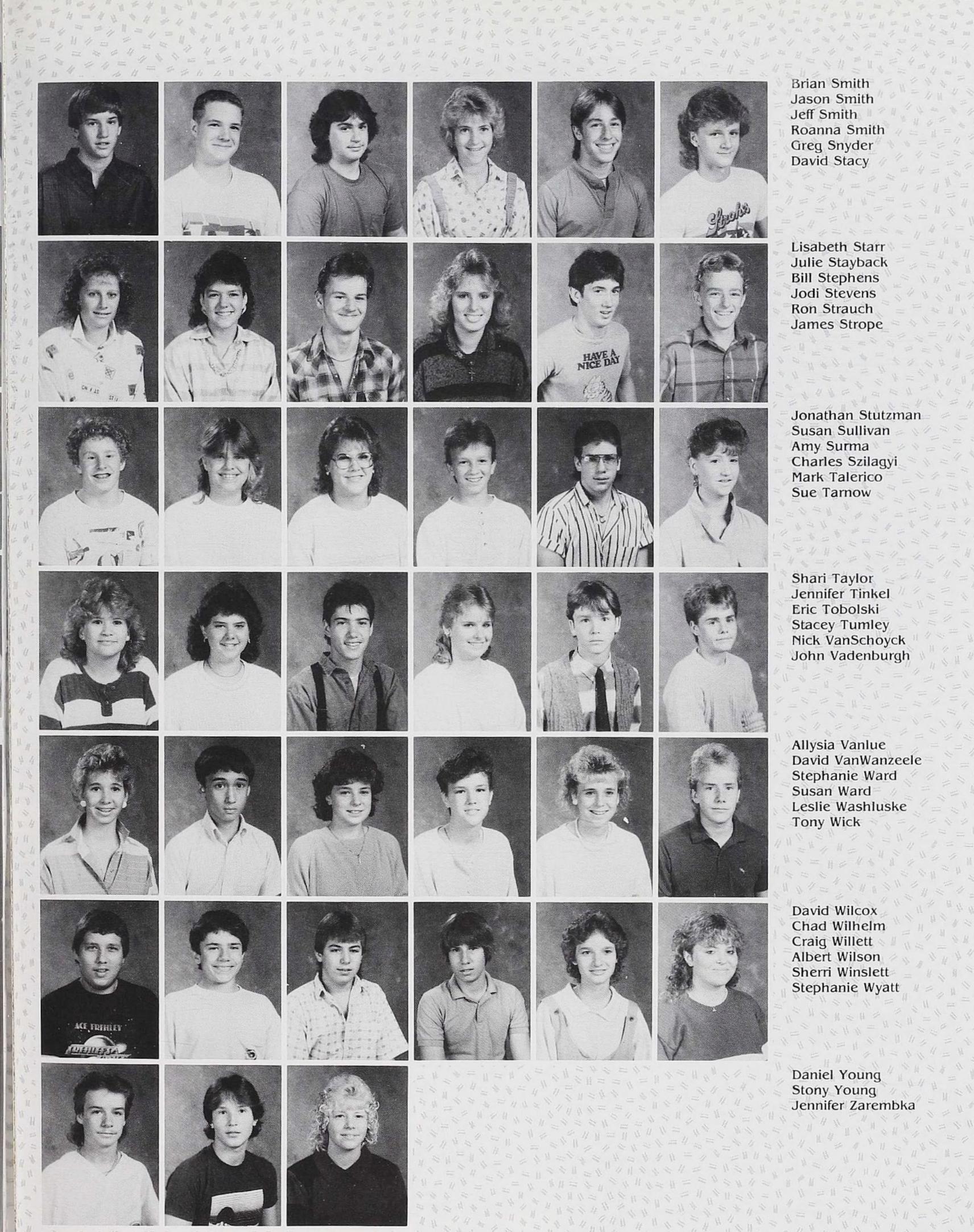






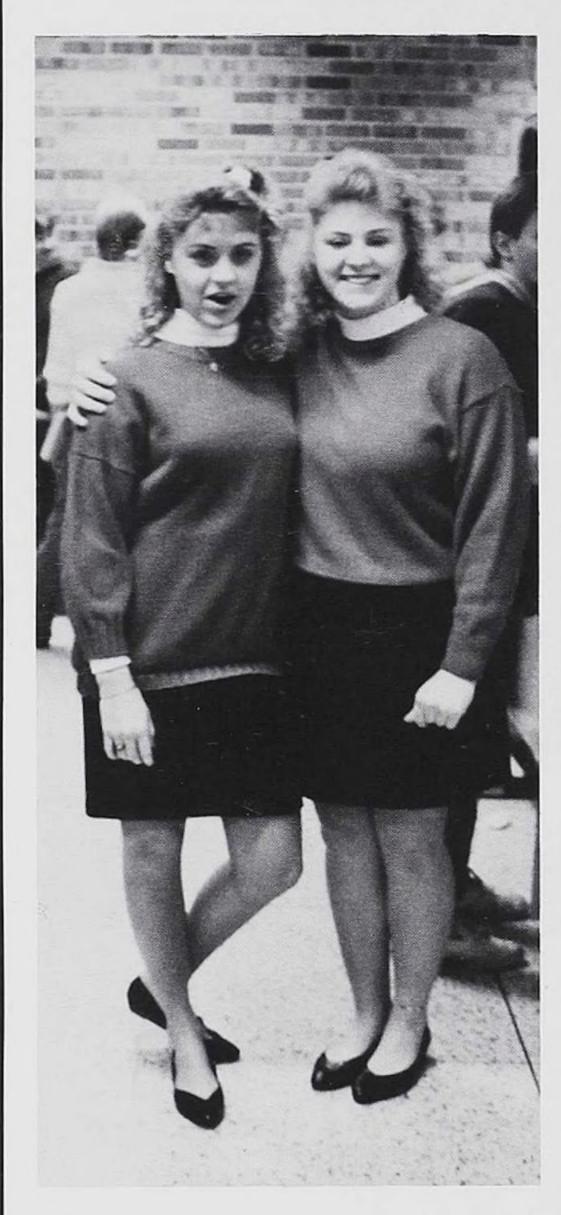
During passing period, freshman Tara Bessler waits by the lockers before going to class.





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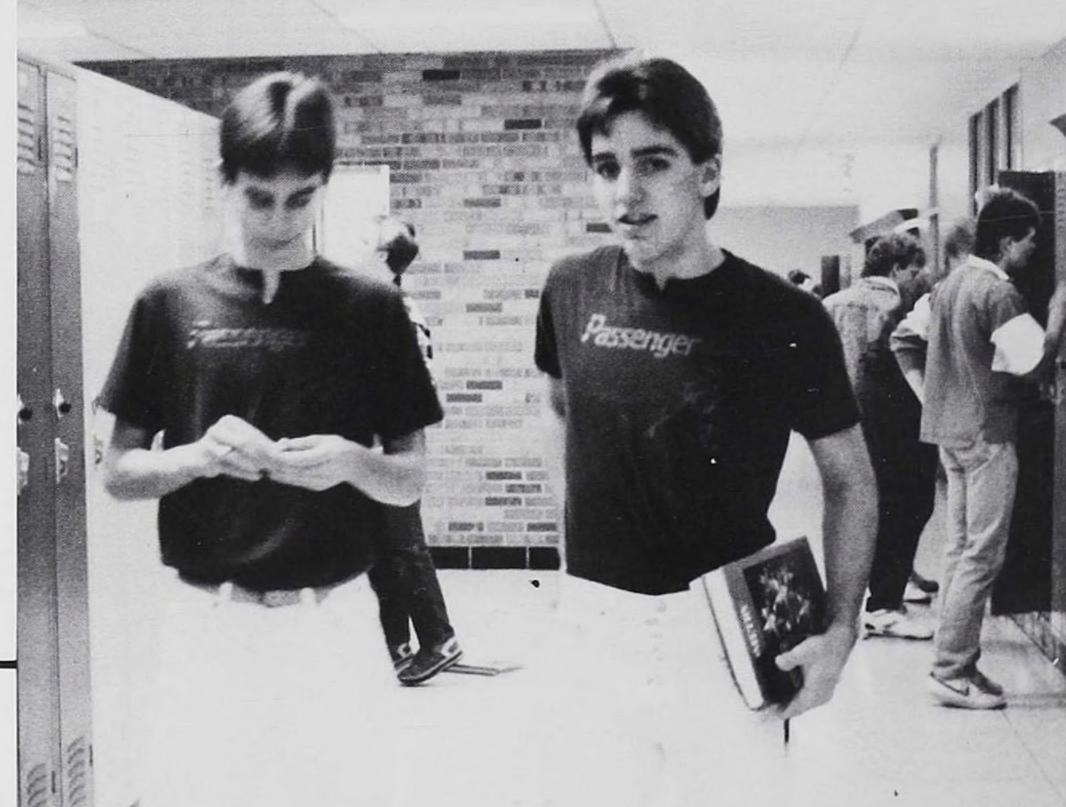
Seniors Lisa McCoy, Theresa Cowgill, Wendy Tobolski, and Rachael Tukos will always remember that "That's What Friends Are For."

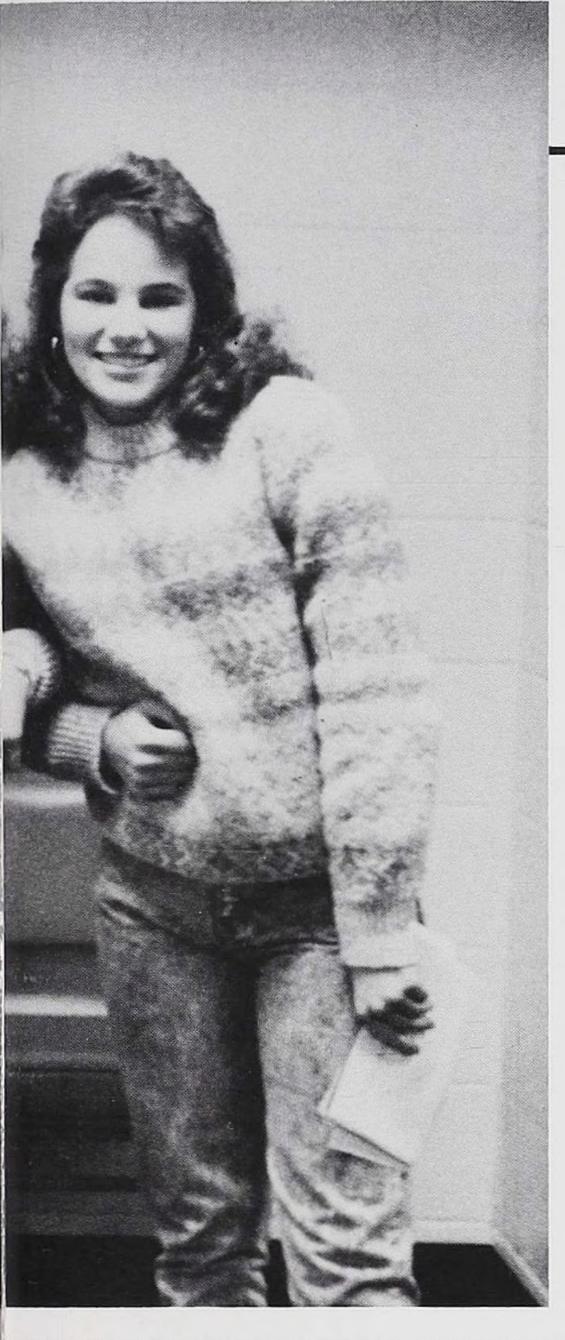


Angie Sebasty and Jennifer Melton show the meaning of the song "Lean On Me."

Sophomore Jason Wykoff stands by as Coley Pesce wonders "What Have I Done To Deserve This?"





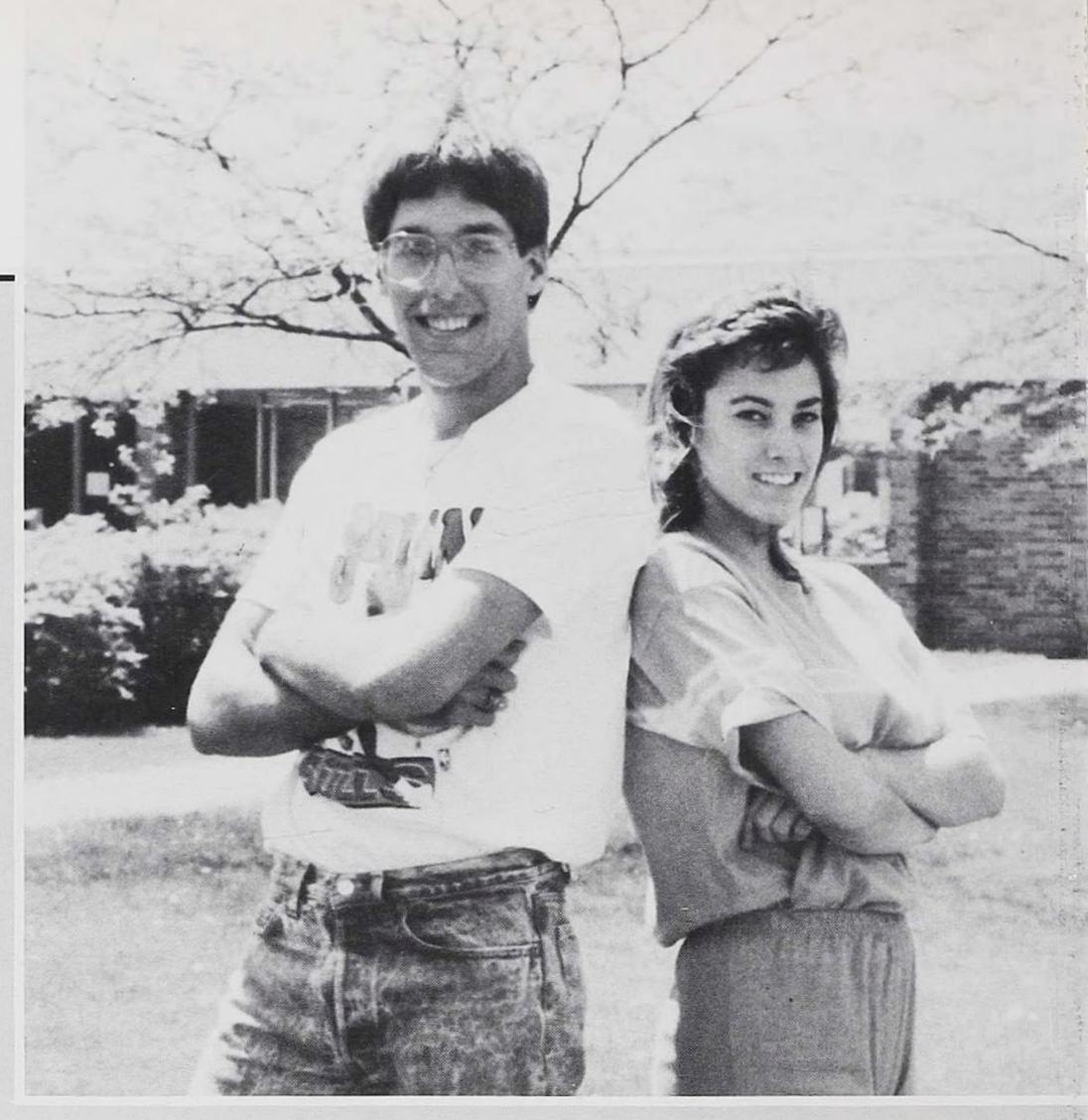






Sophomores Janelle Crowl and Kristi Strieter not only have identical sweaters, but smiles as well.

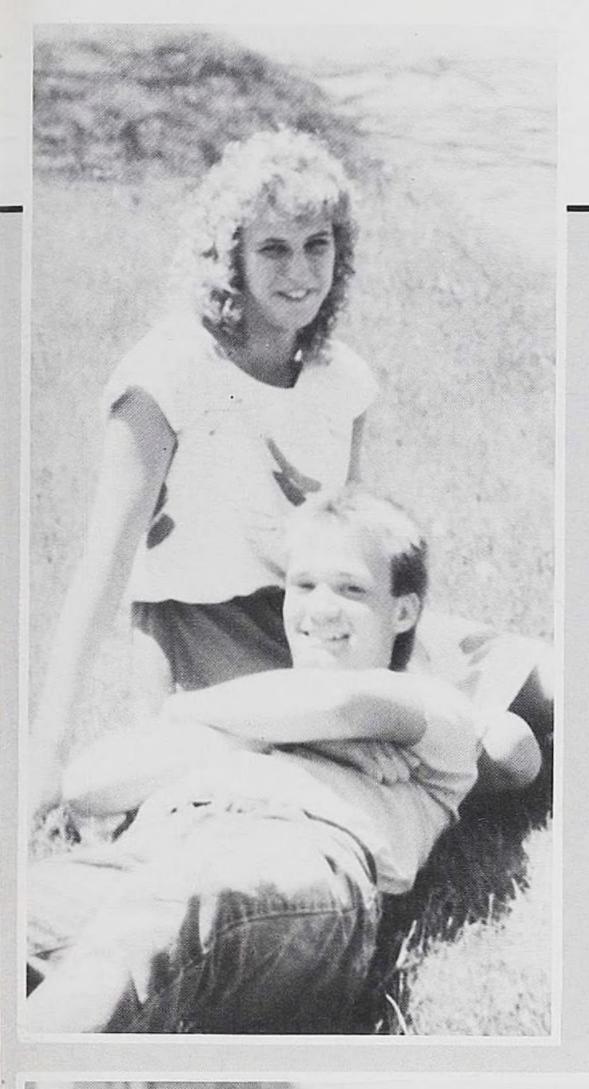
Seniors Ryan Pesce and Mike Tuszynski decide to let Tom Lode take a load off his feet as they carry him to class.



Chosen most popular seniors were Brian Witkowski and Wendy Plank.



Seniors most likely to succeed were Karen Horvath and Tabb Gesse.



Class Flirts for the seniors were Rob Risner and Debbie McAtee.

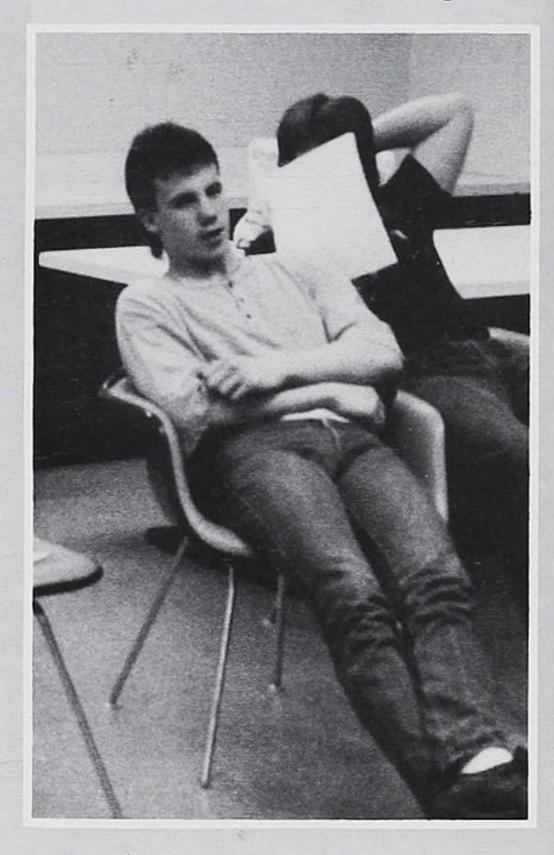




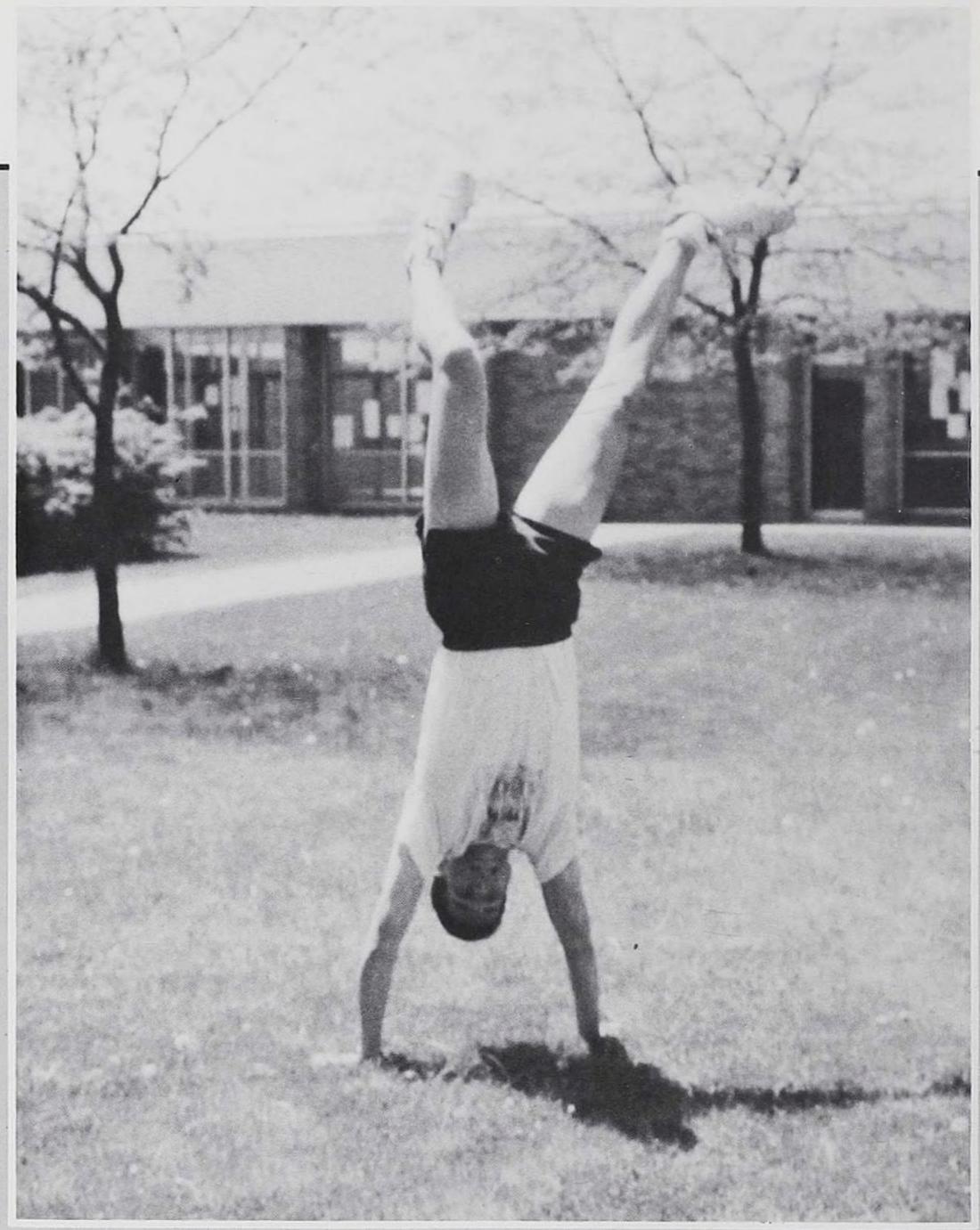
Voted for Best Smile and Most Spirited was Cindy Plank.

Goofing off again, Class Clowns Gloria Williamson and Ryan Pesce. Making the most of the warm weather during lunch period senior Jeff Harbart shows off his gymnastic abilities.

Senior Steve Burnett lounges during a discussion in Family Living class.



Tom Lode takes a load off his feet to the dismay of his classmates Russ Allegrette, Theresa Cowgill, and Julie Livinghouse.

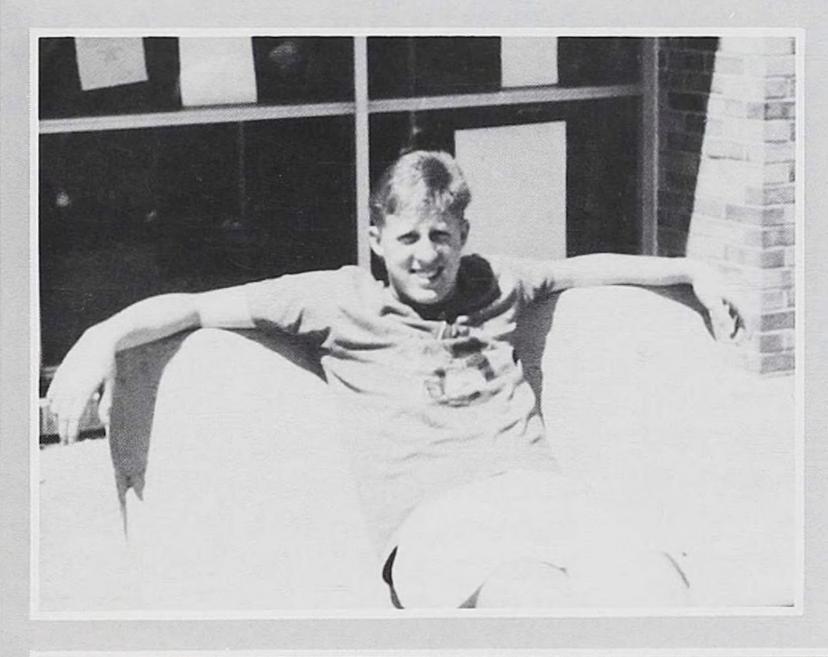


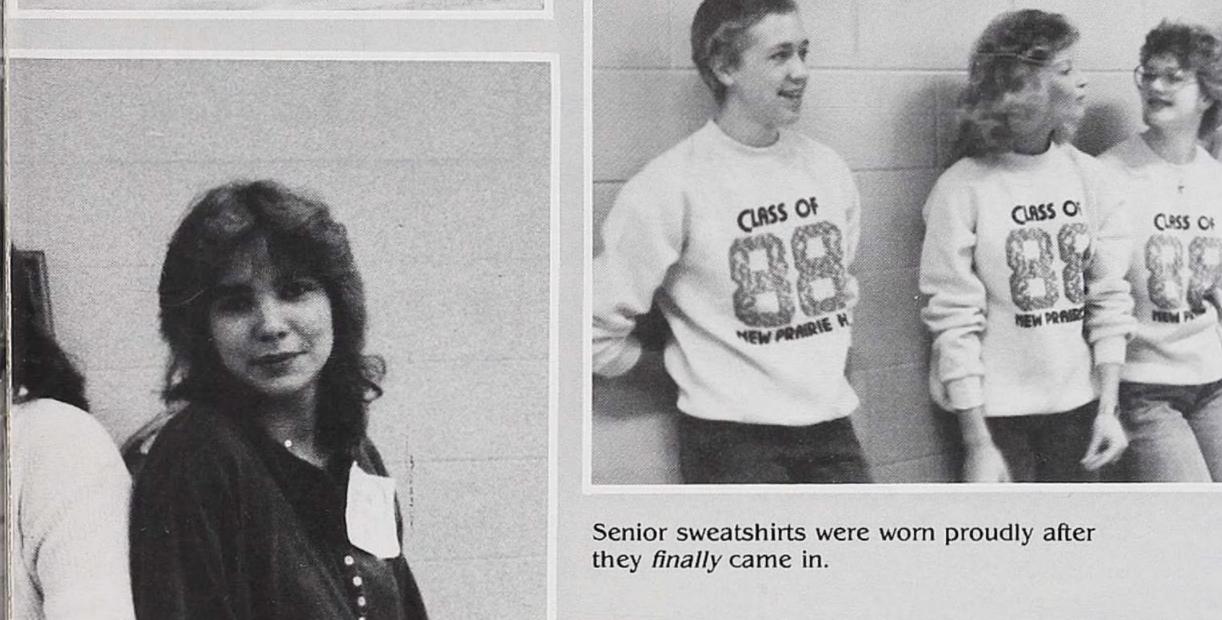


Even though Bob Overmyer had a cast on his arm the majority of the season from football season, he still managed to play a few games.



Catching some rays in the courtyard is senior Tom Washburn.





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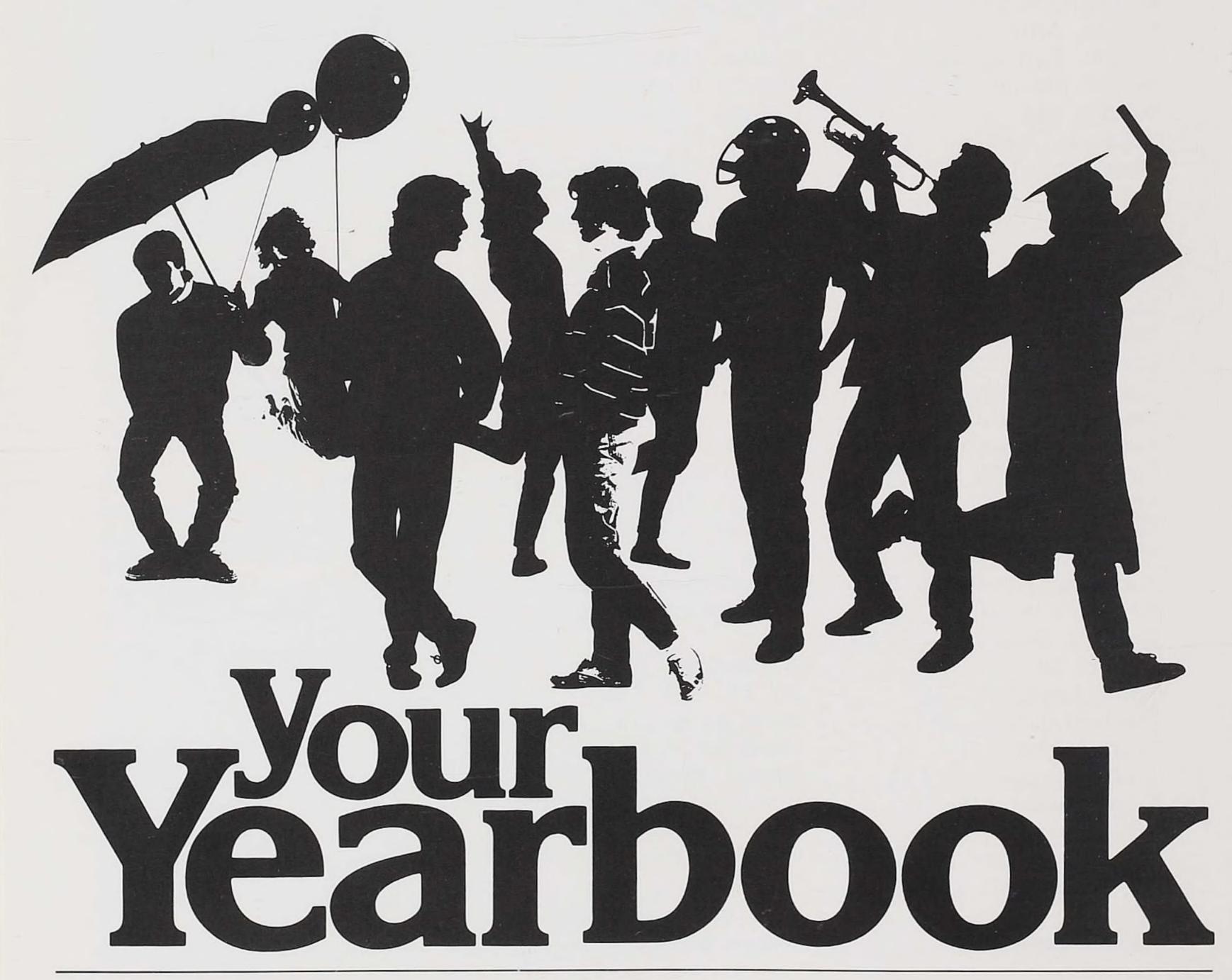
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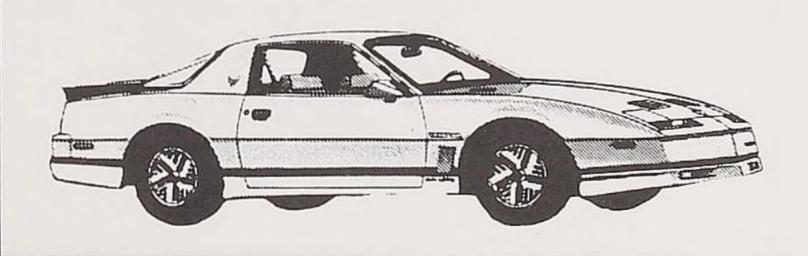


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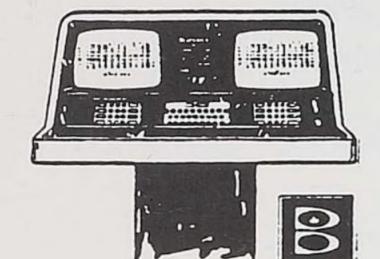


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The years have passed too quickly. You've grown from a little girl to an adult, from a daughter to one of my "best friends." Good luck to you and your classmates. You are truly a great group of people.

MOM

a note and to the grad

Jessica,

We love you for being the girl God expects. We appreciate you never going with the flow, but being your own person and making God's standards your standards.

Mose and Dad

a note grad to the grad

Dear Vance,

Real riches like family, morals, and education come from within, as you well know. Remember what Todd said. We're very proud of you. Never stop learning. Congratulations H.S. grad. and college student.

Love

Dad, Mom, Todd, Dale, and Anita

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Tabb S. Gesse

We are happy with your successful completion of high school. May the future hold many more accomplishments. We are proud to be your parents.

Charlotte and Walter Gesse

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We have watched you develop into a mature, responsible young man and are very proud of you. We wish you and your classmates much success and happiness in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horwath

a note grad to the grad

To Our Daughter Krista, Congratulations!

We are proud of your accomplishments, hopeful for your future, and saddened that time is so seemingly short.

We love you dearly Mom, Dad, and Erik

a note grad to the grad

Danielle,

Congratulations! Memories are what we leave behind — dreams are what we seek. May you have success, good luck, and happiness to last a lifetime.

We love you,

Mom and Dad

a note to the grad

Jody Livinghouse

Congratulations on achieving the goals you set for yourself during your four years of high school. We are very proud of your success.

Love,

Mom and Dad

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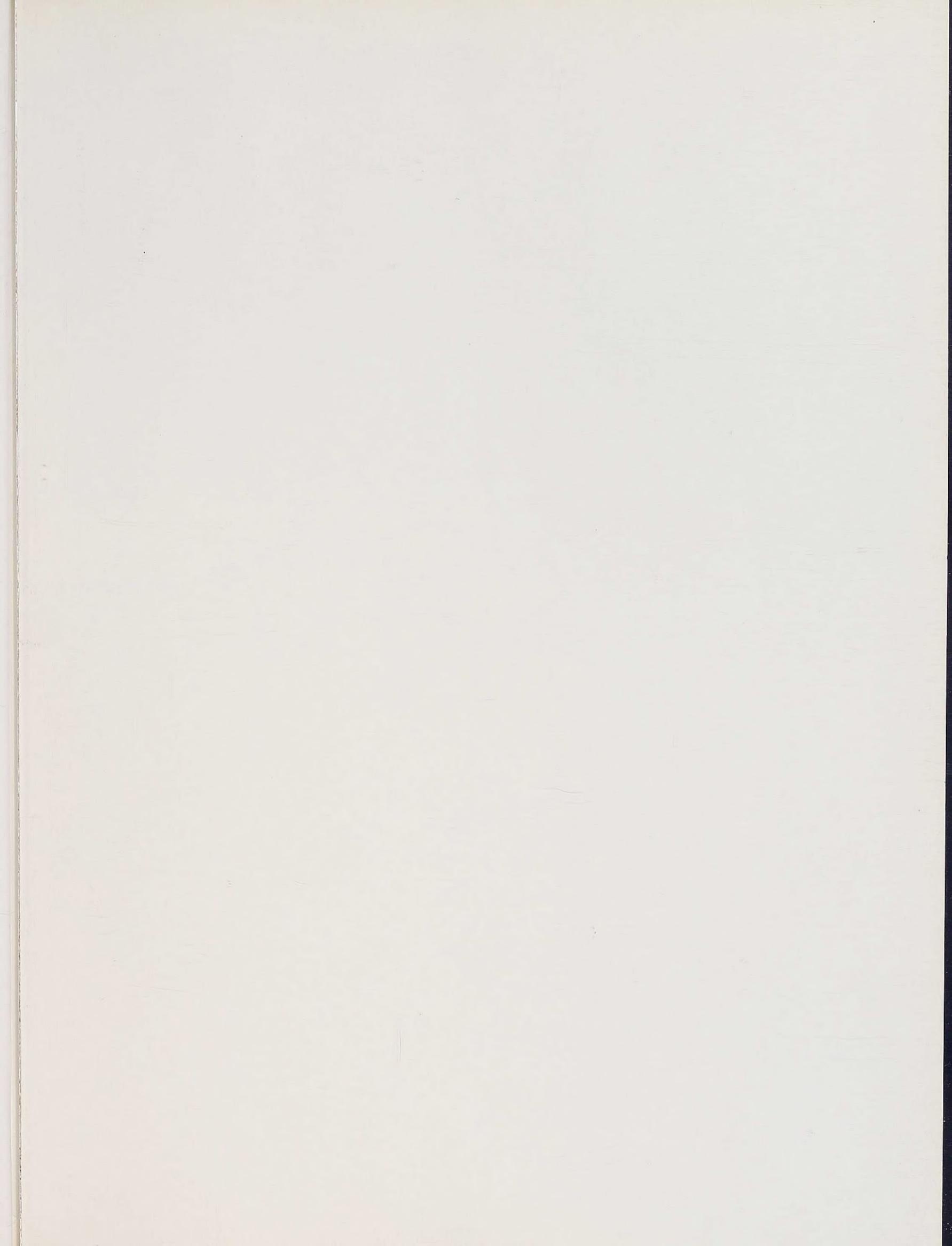
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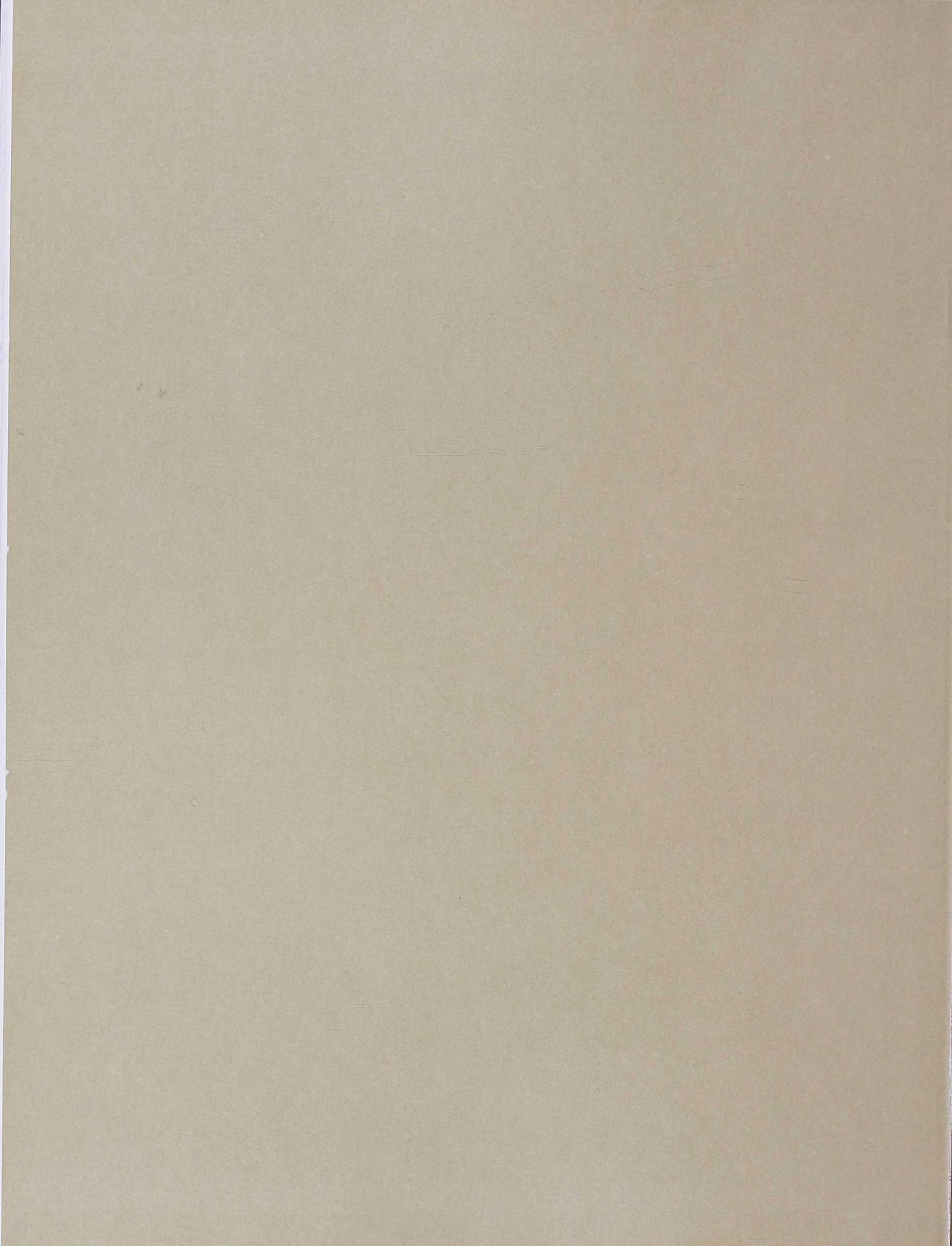
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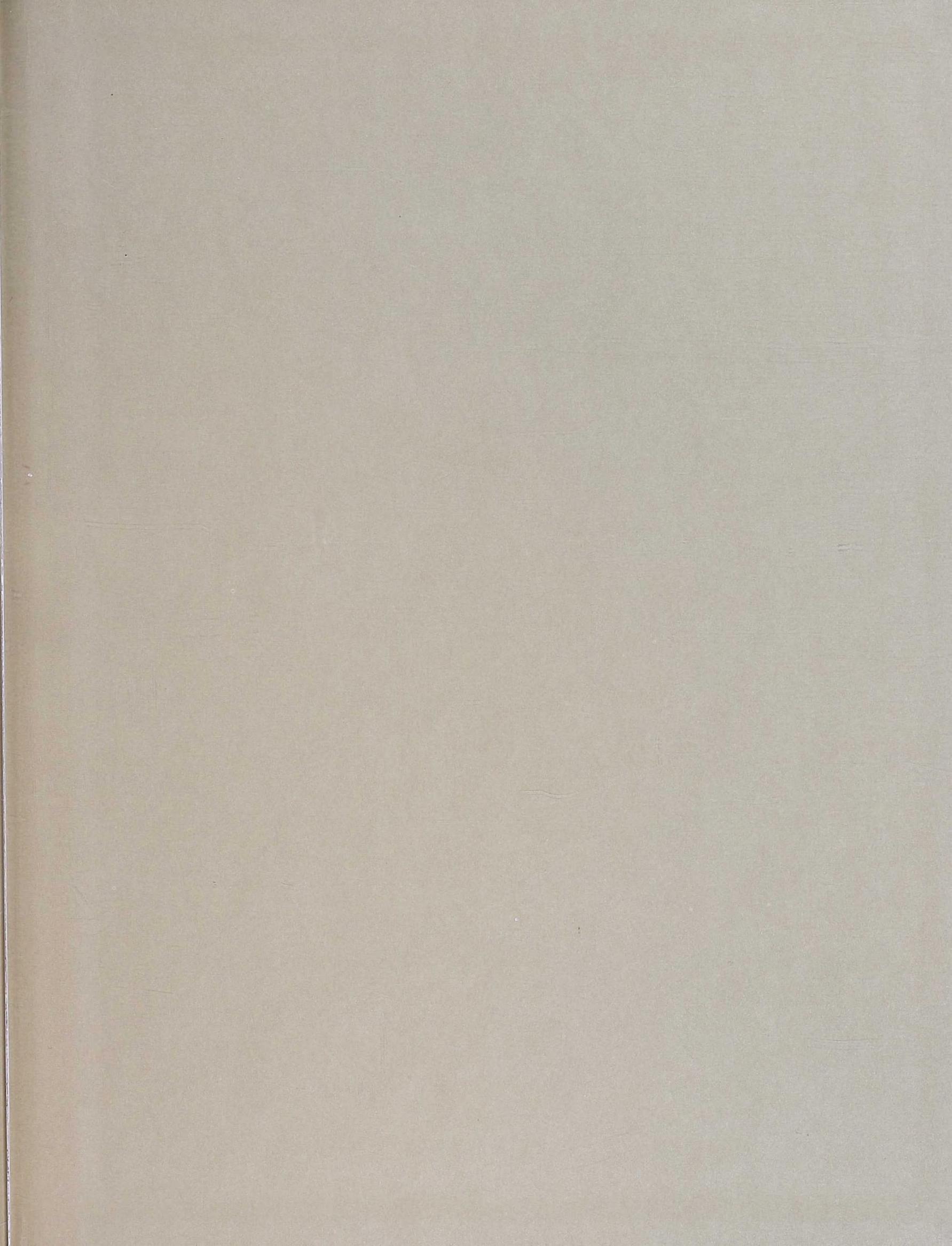
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